

## “Who Cares?”

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My father once read a **Peanuts** cartoon where Lucy announced to her companions that she had just come up with a new philosophy. The philosophy was “**Who Cares?**” When Charlie Brown asked her why she chose that philosophy, she replied matter-of-factly, “**Who Cares?**”

Charles Schultz was quite a student of humanity. He could sum up in a comic strip what is wrong with so many people. They just do not care enough to change, to improve, to do better, etc. They could very well announce their new philosophy in life as “Who Cares?”

You and I cannot become like that if we are to be faithful Christians. God cares. Jesus cares. The Holy Spirit cares. The church of Christ cares. Christians care. Every human being makes a difference.

Jesus taught the importance of every person when He said, “*What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he loses one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness, and go after the one which is lost until he finds it?*” (Lk. 15:4). His application is found in verse 7: “*I say to you that likewise there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine just persons who need no repentance.*”

Elders who oversee the flock of God must ever keep in mind the *preciousness* of every single soul in their charge. Every one matters to God. Every single human being possesses an *eternal* soul! “*For what profit is it to a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?*” (Matt. 16:26). Thus we must care for every soul.

Furthermore, there is no feeling so sad and lonesome than the feeling that nobody cares for your soul. How many precious lives have been lost because they died believing nobody cared. Yes, we must be out looking for lost souls -- they can be found among friends, family, and acquaintances. They are seeking the Way, the Truth, and the Life found in Jesus Christ. Never let it be said of us “Who Cares?”

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