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how many times King Saul confessed he had sinned. But without a change of mind that leads to a changed life, one cannot please God and expect to go to heaven (Lk. 13:3; 5: Acts 8:22; 17:30).

In serving the Lord, as in other matters, *the easy way* is not necessarily the best way. Jesus never promised that being His disciple would be easy (Lk. 9:23-24). But He has promised His disciples the strength to overcome the difficulties that come their way, and to receive a home in heaven if they are “*faithful until death*” (1 Cor. 10:13; Phil. 4:13; Rev. 2:10). Pleasing God is not a matter of taking the easy way — it involves choosing and traveling the right way — God’s Way (Acts 24:14, 22).

What You Can Do

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You may never become wealthy or learned or famous, but you **can** become a child of God and live so that you can dwell for ever in heaven. And the greatest thing that you can do for another person is to teach him the truth and so live before him that he, too, will be led to believe and obey the truth.

A single soul exceeds in value the entire material universe. If a man acquires the whole world (a hypothetical and impossible case), but loses his soul, his loss surpasses his gain as much as eternity surpasses time (Matt. 16:26). The wages of sin is death — eternal destruction and separation from God (Rom. 6:23; 2 Thess. 1:8-9). But a soul need not meet that destiny. In fact, God “*would have all men to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth*” (1 Tim. 2:3-4). Jesus said, “*If ye abide in my word, then are ye truly my disciples, and ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (Jn. 8:32). The truth — the gospel — is God’s power to bring about the salvation of souls (Rom. 1:16). But that power must be applied, preached on the one hand, received on the other.

The greatest service you can render another is to teach him the truth. To have part in his salvation is noble, rewarding, satisfying. It is a matter of delivering a soul from death (James 5:19-20) and of leading a soul to heaven (Dan. 12:3). Your life touches many lives from day to day; are you teaching them the truth?

Opportunities are repeatedly presented to you; are you using them? One of the marks of a Christian is his definite concern for the souls of men as demonstrated in his efforts to lead them to accept the truth. Either you are leading souls to heaven or you are leading souls to hell. Be a soul-winner for Jesus! Resolve to use your time as a Christian should, putting Christ and the saving of souls first. Use what talents you have and what means are at your disposal to reach the people you know who are lost.

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