

General Topics :: enough debate its about souls

enough debate its about souls - posted by Enochh (), on: 2011/7/11 6:59

I get so sad when I come on here....a place where I can find some real believers and I see what goes on. Example the "War on the saints" post. Back and forth bickering. Some one started a post asking a question and so many have to prove their much understanding of the scriptures and their intimate knowledge of the Lord and his ways to "prove" another brother/sister wrong and correct them. "Why not rather be wronged"... "knowledge puffs up ...love edifies" I mean who really cares. Billions of people are going to hell and we are arguing about whether a christian can be demon possessed. Well done thou good and faithful servant you won so many debates on SI. I doubt we will hear that. And the man going to hell could care less. Brothers and sisters we show our immaturity, pride, selfcenteredness when this is our focus. Lets join together stop the debating and get the job done the Master has called us to do. Oh Lord for one more soul I plead. Time is shortPlease Please focus on the task at hand lest when the Master comes He find You sleeping or in idle debate.

Re: enough debate its about souls - posted by mguldner (), on: 2011/7/11 7:10

Agreed brother,

May I ask what do you do in your area to spread the good news? Perhaps this thread can be a place of repentance and discussion on what really matters and the steps we take daily to reach the prize set before us. And yes we can all agree on this Christ is the driving force in it all without Him our work is vanity.

Re: , on: 2011/7/11 8:43

Yes, sometimes the discussions on here get heated. We must also understand that Paul and Barnabas had a heated disagreement over the direction of their ministry... so much so that they parted ways. The Bible never records that episode as being sinful for either party. Both went on to effective ministries separately. All thru history we see heated debates over God's Word... and whether we want to believe it or not the fact is that God worked much good thru those debates. And sometimes for both sides!

When a debate is motivated by flesh and pride we certainly do need to repent. I don't think anyone here will argue about that even though we can all get caught up in that.

But there are folks who come here who have a low view of theology and doctrine, and see no need for it... and do not wish to discuss the deeper things of God, and they view God as "love love love" and deny His other equal attributes. A lot of times (not always) these are the folks who accuse the brethren of being argumentative, unloving and divisive even over the lightest discussions of theology and doctrine.

Doctrine IS important, and we are commanded to "contend" for the faith.

Iron sharpens iron... and most of the doctrines that I hold to developed in me thru debating! Praise God.

I believe there is room for debate, even heated debate, so long as we keep our flesh and pride out of it and keep the glory of God as the focus.

Krispy

Re: - posted by Enochh (), on: 2011/7/11 8:59

Krispykrittr...which by the way I love your tag. I am a doctrine junkie. I devour the writings of John Owen, Edwards, Towzer, Packer, Pink, Piper and so on. But being a former Word of Faith Pastor who God graciously saved from that cult I was never won over (this is just me I understand not everyone) to, for example, the Sovereignty of God, by debate but by the scriptures and the Holy Spirit.

Re: , on: 2011/7/11 9:20

I understand Enoch's concern as it is about sharing the gospel. As one who came out of a system of theology that will be unnamed I saw more debates than soul winning. To my shame even participated in those debates. BUT there are times we have to contend for the very gospel we are to share. This forum has already pointed out how Islam is being promoted by evangelical churches. The synergy of Christianity and Islam is giving rise to a heresy known as chrislam. Just one more heresy among many to contend against. We need to be balanced as the apostle Paul. Paul was fervent in his preaching of Christ. Yet he would contend for the gospel when necessary. May we be as he.

Re: - posted by ginnyrose (), on: 2011/7/11 10:17

Quote:
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Discuss the issue and not take pot shots at the speaker... :-)

Re: enough debate its about souls - posted by savannah, on: 2011/7/11 10:33

point taken...BUT...

Souls are only won by Gospel Truth. God alone regenerates and adopts us into His family.

There are many who are merely reproducing themselves by their false gospel, and growing in great numbers, their own kingdoms. Not only do the blind leaders fall into the ditch, but those they lead as well.

I have been to almost 60 churches in the last 4 years. You won't find much debating in most churches, as everyone pretty much just does what is right in their own eyes.

Certainly there is unhealthy debating and probably too much of it, but what there is not enough of is debate which is helpful for the soul.

If we had no enemies of the Gospel I'd heartily agree that debates should cease. But Gospel Truth is rare in this our day.

A false god can only produce a false gospel.

We must not only believe the truth but love the truth.

Love is defined by Truth. And no lie is of the Truth.

All is tainted when the God of Truth is misrepresented.

We are commanded to Love the LORD our God with all our heart, with all our mind, and with all our strength.

A mind which believes what is false is in danger of hell fire. There is "another gospel", "another spirit", and "another Jesus".

It will do us well to examine ourselves and our doctrine. Because what we believe ultimately determines what we do.

An extreme example would be those who believe in universal salvation. Not only is such a lie, but it could lead one to live in a manner not worthy of the Gospel.

More might be said, but I'll say no more!

God alone saves.

Psalm 121:1-8

Matthew 1:21 And she will bear a son, and you shall call His name Jesus, for He shall save His people from their sins.

Re: , on: 2011/7/11 10:51

Yes Enochh, it 'is' about souls and if you had seen the fruit of a certain belief destroy souls, would you not speak up? In this case, you mention the belief that "christians can be demon possessed".

I felt just the opposite of what you are expressing.

I felt, where are those who claim to care for souls on this thread - that believe from The Word of GOD that Christians Can-Not be "possessed" by both The Spirit of Creator GOD and devils at the same time.

I felt - don't they care for souls? Why are they being silent because I know there are others here that do not believe this teaching but why do they allow others to believe this and be tormented by this thought for the rest of their lives, every time Satan whispers a lie into their minds.

I felt they just didn't care enough for souls - just as you all feel that we should just remain quiet on this thing.

Re: , on: 2011/7/11 11:10

Dont misunderstand me... we can and do get out of balance. Among believers tho, debate and discussing doctrine can be healthy when done in a spirit of love and understanding.

Of course we do not debate with unbelievers. With unbelievers we DECLARE. There is no debate.

Enoch... sounds like our back grounds are similar. I took the loooooooooong journey from WOF to reformed. Took over 10 years (I'm a slow learner and thick in the skull). I learned a tremendous amount when I joined this site and debated and discussed anything you can think of!

Krispy

TICK TOCK TICK TOCK TICK TOCK soon they are all gone - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2011/7/11 11:12

As stewards of our time, talent, and treasure, we will all give account of how we used each second.

If we look at the relatively few occasions of heated debate amongst brethren in the lives of Paul, Barnabas, and Peter, and try to justify hours and days of fine-tuning theological standpoints, we could easily fall into a trap that would end in hearing the words: "and cast the unprofitable servant into outer darkness..."

Every Thursday, I give a Bible study to a group of sinners who know absolutely nothing about Bible stories that I knew MUCH about at the age of 5. When we see a vast majority of souls perishing for lack of knowledge, we have to ask ourselves as good stewards are we using the seconds that are tick-tocking away wisely, or not.

It is obvious that Paul spent MUCH more time with the unlearned than in heated disagreements with brethren. The main reason that we have the epistles (for the saints) is because he was in jail so much (God's plan and design). Otherwise, he would have been on the streets with those who had never heard, or going from house to house. Personal stewardship is an individual matter that we will individually give account for.

Heb 10:24 And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: .

Thanks, Enochh for provoking us to good works.

Re: TICK TOCK TICK TOCK TICK TOCK soon they are all gone, on: 2011/7/11 11:29

Not sure what you mean by your header, but I suppose we're to guess on that one.

We are in the days of the apostasy.

If you've ever truly read about Paul, he was forced to spend Most of his time on earth contending against heresies coming into every Church he was overseer of and spent most of his time in jail and being flogged and persecuted for that very reason. Even John had to contend in his epistles with those who were denying the Deity of Christ and were teaching easy-believism.

Paul warned us of 'these' days - when men shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits and doctrines of devils.

What do we do with those, if Paul is our example?

Any man that stands for the truth against heresies has my admiration because I know the sweat, misunderstanding, and rejection that they receive for standing for the truth - as Paul received because he cared for the souls of his Master's sheep and was no coward. Not by a long shot. If he was kicked out of one place, The LORD was with him nonetheless.

Re: enough debate its about souls, on: 2011/7/11 11:57

When I think of winning souls, I must think about the end of the matter..and that is "receiving the Promise" of eternal Life. The apostle Paul makes it abundantly clear that there IS a falling away possible, AND a "drawing back into Perdition.. for the once saved.

Hebrews 10:

35. "Cast not away therefore your confidence, which hath great recompence of reward.

36. For ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.

37. For yet a little while, and he that shall come will come, and will not tarry.

38. Now the just shall live by faith: but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.

39. But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.".....
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Salvation is being accepted into Heavens gate, and our calling is to be conformed into the image of Christ, as we mature in Love. One Plants, One waters, another must tend the garden, rooting up weeds etc. This is what Godly teaching and Preaching is about; FEEDING AND PROTECTING the Beloved.

Debate in itself may or may not edify, but often it may challenge us to consider another's light, and provoke us to more Godly faith. Another thing that debate may do is to increase our Understanding, and we may even be able to be taught by God in another's insight.

Proverbs 4:6-8

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6. Forsake her not, and she shall preserve thee: love her, and she shall keep thee.

7. Wisdom is the principal thing; therefore get wisdom: and with all thy getting get understanding.

8. Exalt her, and she shall promote thee: she shall bring thee to honour, when thou dost embrace her.....

I have led souls to Christ, and have seen them baptised with the Holy Spirit, and baptised in water, and freed from oppression...but...is that the end? No it is not. the end is their establishment in Christ that they may endure; IE.."Go! and make disciples of ALL NATIONS!"

I guess in all debate, there comes a "spinning of the wheels" where enough has been said, and we go on anyway...but that is but human. Everyone reading this knows what I mean.

When we begin to attack another that offends our righteous pride..let us be careful that we don't just destroy others, or reject others to be right. Then, debate becomes destructive....

But, if we look at SI as a giant Bible School with lots of Teachers, and more opinions...then we can glean in Peace and still be free....without having to slay those who disagree.

Saying that, there still must be a place to compare the scripture, and understand that there are enemies of God who love to twist the truth..DIVIDERS. It is right to compare all things to the Word of God in our debates. It is the only true sail we have. Some must be exposed as such, for they may kill the sheep.....

ACTS 20

27. "For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God.

28. Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood.

29. For I know this, that after my departing shall grievous wolves enter in among you, not sparing the flock.

30. Also of your own selves shall men arise, speaking perverse things, to draw away disciples after them.

31. Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears."

Lots of young ones come here, and they have insights and revelation and faith also, and many have unanswered questions about faith...and the debate can be helpful for all to see Jesus's words with more clarity.

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2011/7/11 12:21

The tick tocking is referring to the seconds passing by. I am from a generation when clocks made a tick tock sound with each second passing by. We all have a limited number of seconds left for which we will give account as to how we spent them.

If there are 3 billion souls on the planet who have NEVER heard ANYTHING about Jesus, and 2.5 billion more who have heard VERY LITTLE about Jesus, and about 500,000 who have heard what we consider a perverted version of the gospel, yet we spend 95% of our time trying to correct the 500,000 that we consider incorrect Â... we might not be acting wisely with the few seconds of life that we have left on earth.

If we spend the majority of our time working with the vast majority who know little or nothing about Jesus, we can win them and disciple them in what we consider Â“correct theologyÂ” and there will be more Christians on the planet who believe what we consider correct theology.

If we are truly being led by the Holy Ghost to spend the majority of our time trying to correct the mis-informed and much loss of our time informing the un-informed, then we will hear Him say Â“well done thou good and faithful servant Â...Â” because we were obedient ... if in reality God is leading us to do that.

Stewardship is an individual matter, but it is good to be admonished to be sure that we are spending our time more wisely.

Often, deceivers gain much more territory because they spend more time with the totally uninformed ... and end up producing disciples of their deception. We who walk in the light could reach the same uninformed souls before they do ... and disciple them correctly.

Re: , on: 2011/7/11 12:30

We are to be willing to give our lives for the salvation of souls and once they are won to Christ - they need to be disciplined. Part of that is protecting them from heresies that would hinder them in any way. Paul did both. Time 'is' of the essence - now more than ever before in human history. I agree with that. As Paul told Timothy, to contend for the faith and in Eph 4:11-16 And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive; but speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ: from whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.

Sometimes Paul had to use strong language as well, 'because' he Loved people.

Amen to any man that "disciples them correctly", Brother.

Re: , on: 2011/7/11 12:47

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Excellent. I think that BrotherTom, JIG, and Savannah all had great and Biblical input into this thread, and I commend you for your stand.

Re: ""receiving the Promise" of eternal Life". - posted by savannah, on: 2011/7/11 13:00

Quote: "The apostle Paul makes it abundantly clear that there IS a falling away possible, AND a "drawing back into Perdition.. for the once saved."

Not so. The apostle Paul knew the Truth as it is in Jesus. As he wrote he meant no such thing as the conclusion in the above post.

Christ died and purchased His own and keeps them. They shall never perish. He gives them eternal life. They are those "receiving the Promise" of eternal Life", to quote the same poster.

He purchased a people, "...feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood." He has saved them as He promised, "And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins." Matthew 1:21

The apostle is in agreement with His LORD and ours and makes it abundantly clear when he says, " But we are not of them who draw back unto perdition; but of them that believe to the saving of the soul.

Concerning us His people He says,

Psalm 121:7,8 The LORD will preserve thee from all evil: he will preserve thy soul. The LORD will preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for ever.

Psa_121:7

“The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, or keep thee from all evil. It is a great pity that our admirable translation did not keep to the word keep all through the Psalm, for all along it is one. God not only keeps his own in all evil times but from all evil influences and operations, yea, from evils themselves. This is a far-reaching word of covering: it includes everything and excludes nothing: the wings of Jehovah amply guard his own from evils great and small, temporary and eternal. There is a most delightful double personality in this verse, Jehovah keeps the believer, not by agent, but by himself; and the person protected is definitely pointed out by the word thee, - it is not our estate or name which is shielded, but the proper personal man. To make this even more intensely real and personal another sentence is added, “The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil: he shall preserve thy soul, - or Jehovah will keep thy soul. Soul-keeping is the soul of keeping. If the soul be kept all is kept. The preservation of the greater includes that of the less so far as it is essential to the main design: the kernel shall be preserved, and in order thereto the shell shall be preserved also. God is the sole keeper of the soul. Our soul is kept from the dominion of sin, the infection of error, the crush of despondency, the puffing up of pride; kept from the world, the flesh and the devil; kept for holier and greater things; kept in the love of God; kept unto the eternal kingdom and glory. What can harm a soul that is kept of the Lord?

Psa_121:8

“The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even for evermore.” When we go out in the morning to labour, and come home at eventide to rest, Jehovah shall keep us. When we go out in youth to begin life, and come in at the end to die, we shall experience the same keeping. Our exits and our entrances are under one protection. Three times have we the phrase, “Jehovah shall keep,” as if the sacred Trinity thus sealed the word to make it sure: ought not all our fears to be slain by such a threefold flight of arrows? What anxiety can survive this triple promise? This keeping is eternal; continuing from this time forth, even for evermore. The whole church is thus assured of everlasting security: the final perseverance of the saints is thus ensured, and the glorious immortality of believers is guaranteed. Under the aegis of such a promise we may go on pilgrimage without trembling, and venture into battle without dread. None are so safe as those whom God keeps; none so much in danger as the self-secure. To goings out and comings in belong peculiar dangers, since every change of position turns a fresh quarter to the foe, and it is for these weak points that an especial security is provided: Jehovah will keep the door when it opens and closes, and this he will perseveringly continue to do so long as there is left a single man that trusteth in him, as long as a danger survives, and, in fact, as long as time endures. Glory be unto the Keeper of Israel, who is endeared to us under that title, since our growing sense of weakness makes us feel more deeply than ever our need of being kept. Over the reader we would breathe a benediction, couched in the verse of Keble.

“God keep thee safe from harm and sin,
Thy spirit keep; the Lord watch o'er
thy going out, thy coming in,
From this time, evermore.” C.H.S.

Re: - posted by Enochh (), on: 2011/7/11 13:12

Jesus-is-God...WOW

quote 'you mention the belief that "christians can be demon possessed". I felt just the opposite of what you are expressing.'

I expressed no such belief...cut and pastes a quote where I said this. This is what I'm talking about. Brothers get so bent on expressing their point that ...enough said. "We're not here to get to know the Word of God but to (get to) know the God of the Word." Leonard Ravenhill "If Bible knowledge could change the world, we would've changed it long ago" Leonard Ravenhill...

Re: enough debate its about souls, on: 2011/7/11 13:36

Quote:

-----by Enochh on 2011/7/11 3:59:16

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The "War on the Saints" discussion/dispute was regarding "Christians being demon possessed".

Re: - posted by Enochh (), on: 2011/7/11 13:43

thank you JIG for illustrating for all what I meant by my initial post

Re: enough debate its about souls - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/7/11 13:59

While I do believe there can be healthy debates that can profit both the ones debating and the ones looking from the sidelines, I also agree with Enochh that we can get caught up in too much debate and neglect reaching out to lost souls, one of the most important things we are still left on this planet for. So I thought it would be fitting here to share this link to a thread on the need for evangelism (and please understand, I am not pointing any fingers at any particular believers here, for I know I would have three pointing right back at me if I did so):

https://www.sermonindex.net/modules/newbb/viewtopic.php?topic_id=38128&forum=35&10

Re: - posted by Enochh (), on: 2011/7/11 15:51

Very Moved by that thread Oracio...thank you so much.

Re: - posted by savedtoserve, on: 2011/7/11 16:05

Thanks for all your contributions on this thread. I think when they are averaged, they give a good balance.

I do get tired of folks always saying that winning souls is all that matters or that winning the lost is the most important thing to God. Chapter and verse, please?! WHERE does it ever imply such a thing, even? I understand that this is widely accepted without question in the Body of Christ today, but I don't intend to go along with it. If it is true and scripture could somehow agree with it, then why did Paul write so many epistles to the churches that covered SO MUCH MORE than winning souls?

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I know people seem to think that any other view lowers evangelism, but the truth is that we have elevated it above everything else, which is inconsistent with Scripture. I found a book recently entitled, MY CHILDREN OR THE CROSS. It was heralded as one woman's sacrifice for God; she sent her children across the sea for most of their growing-up years so she could be busy for God in winning souls. She thought that her children --the priceless gifts God had given her-- were a hindrance to God's work, so they had to be sent off. This is one example of numerous others, and I'm going to call it a DISGRACE to the name of God! This whole idea is not found anywhere in the Bible; it is only the result of human reasoning.

It was the Reformation that went against this idea, also. Martin Luther is quoted saying that the woman who sweeps her floor is just as much in the will of God as the man who spends all day praying, not because she does it singing or praying, but because GOD LIKES CLEAN FLOORS!! And that her job is just as important as the man's intercessing!

It's a revolutionary idea, I realize, but it's part of being faithful in little things so that you can be faithful in the big things.

Evangelism and the fruit factor with intercession., on: 2011/7/11 16:30

by Oracio

"While I do believe there can be healthy debates that can profit both the ones debating and the ones looking from the sidelines, I also agree with Enochh that we can get caught up in too much debate and neglect reaching out to lost souls, one of the most important things we are still left on this planet for."

If you do "Go!", and preach and reach out with the gospel to the lost, the odds are you won't be talking about, or debating about it, here on SI, or anywhere else.., You'll be too consumed in the warfare, pressure and duties that may arise.

So, it seems that the debate...which is not entirely without merit, is for those "staying with the gear"....and also let us remember, that there are callings, times and seasons for us all.

Your typical spirit filled house-wife for example, has a duty to her children and her husband first, and the reaching out must come under the Godly instituted order of her duty. She may or may not have the opportunity to do so, though her input and ideas about it may be passionate and enlightening to all.

Here is a method of Evangelism that has proven highly effective.....Acts 2:46-47
King James Version (KJV)

46. "And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart,

47. Praising God, and having favour with all the people.

..... And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.".....

God saves, and it is He who draws all men unto Him. Also, let us not forget that before the Apostles Went, on the "GO!" word from Jesus, they had to be Sent. Even Paul had to sit for many years, and many never went.

There are many that go with dead religion to the lost, and do more harm than good. Only the Holy Spirit can save a soul, not our good intentions, or "preaching" activity.

I think that most of the reaching out must come from a people with real fruit in their lives, in the scheme of their daily existence...the marketplace, the lawn, the courthouse.

Light and love cannot be hidden in the confines of the holy and authentic church, and the mercy within an open heart must manifest itself wherever it goes, and the lost will want it, if they want Jesus. I, personally, believe in evangelizing the lost.....and desire more than anything to be sent.

I also might add in the INTERCESSION factor...begging God to pour out His Spirit on the Lost...and SAVE!!!..in your family, community, the world, and the backslider. This may have born more real fruit in the Kingdom than we could imagine.

Re: - posted by Lordoitagain (), on: 2011/7/11 17:42

"I do get tired of folks always saying that winning souls is all that matters or that winning the lost is the most important thing to God. Chapter and verse, please?! WHERE does it ever imply such a thing, even?"

Is there any verse in the Bible that lists a "the most important thing to God"?

It doesn't take much to establish that it is a top priority:

1Ti 2:4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

ALL MEN

Mar 16:15 And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

EVERY CREATURE ... He doesn't have to repeat and elaborate on the command for it to be highly important.

Mat 22:37 Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind.

Mat 22:38 This is the first and great commandment.

Mat 22:39 And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.

If God wants all men to be saved ... and we love him with all then it will be our priority also.

If we love our neighbours as ourselves, and our neighbors are lost, we will do all that we can to see that they find the salvation that we have found.

Re: - posted by savedtoserve, on: 2011/7/11 18:44

I think I can hear it already...someone is going to say we're debating about this also... :))

But I'll carry on anyway...

Quote:

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That's precisely my point, Lordoitagain.

Of course seeking the lost is a top priority and highly important; I never said it wasn't. I just said it shouldn't supersede everything else, as is constantly voiced.

Jesus Christ also said, "If ye love me, keep my commandments." Very plain. Very straight-forward. It sounds very important to Him, don't you think? (I'm not speaking sarcastically here, mind you, but seriously.) And yet with many Christians and preachers today, their home life is wanting or their personal life is not what it ought to be and yet "they're winning souls" so that's all that matters. That is only one example and it is prevalent everywhere.

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And like I said, it leads to parents neglecting their children "for God" and preachers doing the same to their families. It leads to a church that isn't very unified because "all that matters is soul-winning." It leads to youth turning away from God because they can see the hypocrisy of it all.

There are many commands in Scripture; are you saying that certain adjectives tell us which are most important?

Re: Evangelism and the fruit factor with intercession. - posted by Oracio (), on: 2011/7/11 22:44

by BrotherTom

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-----If you do "Go!", and preach and reach out with the gospel to the lost, the odds are you won't be talking about, or debating about it, here on SI, or anywhere else... You'll be too consumed in the warfare, pressure and duties that may arise.

I can certainly say amen to the fact that warfare will arise when we take a step of faith into the enemy's territory. Just last night after a night of evangelism in my community I came home and my little two year old boy was vomiting due to a stomach disease called GERD. He had had pain on and off before due to that disease but he had never vomitted.

As to the main motive/s behind this thread(that is, other threads or what not), I have not been keeping up with all of that so I cannot say whether or not the particular thread mentioned has merit. I am not taking any sides. I simply saw that Enoch made a good point and decided to put in my two cents. I did not mean to offend anyone for "contending" for the Faith here. I do see a time and place for that. Whether or not you spend too much time in debates here is between you and the Lord and He will reveal that to you. I am not one to judge that. Again, I was speaking in general terms in my last post.

Re: enough debate its about souls, on: 2011/7/11 22:58

Quote:
-----I get so sad when I come on here....a place where I can find some real believers and I see what goes on. Example the "War on the saints" post. Back and forth bickering. Some one started a post asking a question and so many have to prove their much understanding of the scriptures and their intimate knowledge of the Lord and his ways to "prove" another brother/sister wrong and correct them.

Believe me brother, those that debate have NOT the love of Christ abiding in them.

A true debater will always love and his joy is to win, not win.

It doesn't matter if time is short, we really shouldn't be debating over anything.

We all believe in Jesus. Some have different understandings but we all believe that He is the Son of God and that He is the I AM.

With our brother we strain at a gnat. We dig and dig trying to find out where each one of us stands and none of that has anything to do with our salvation.

1 Corinthians 3:3 For ye are yet carnal: for whereas there is among you envying, and strife, and divisions, are ye not carnal, and walk as men?

I say refrain the tongue from speaking. Oh the need to be right is sickening to me. It's not important. If you are right, God will confirm His word.

I know of Christians that spend all their days trying to be right and they have no interest in the other persons soul, just so they can walk in their rightness. What a waste of life.

God help us, God have mercy on us, send judgment to your Church, we need to be judged from our lethargy.

Re: - posted by savedtoserve, on: 2011/7/12 0:25

I do agree with your premise, Approved, but your conclusion just throws the baby out with the bathwater, as it were.

Quote:
-----We all believe in Jesus. Some have different understandings but we all believe that He is the Son of God and that He is the I AM.

This is not some ecumenical gathering. If we have no spiritual backbone, we will become a watered down mess.