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(The following excerpt is from a book written in 1910 by William Evans on Personal Soulwinning. This very brief excerpt contains a neat outline that could be adapted and expanded upon for a sermon. I have added bold type and numbers to assist in the outline.)

## **PERSONAL SOULWINNING**

by William Evans (1870-1950)

Philip the evangelist would have lost a magnificent opportunity if he had not been able to find the place in the Scriptures where it is written. We must be experts in the handling of the Word of God. Sometimes to hesitate means to lose the case you are dealing with. See how quickly Jesus turned to just the place he wanted when he was called upon to read in the synagogue at Nazareth (Luke 4:17) : "And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written." Ability to find the place where it is written inspires confidence in the inquirer, whereas hesitancy is a barrier to effective dealing.

We need ability in handling the Bible, for three reasons :

### **1. First: To show men from the Word of God that they are sinners.**

It need hardly be said that all men do not concede that they are sinners. In order to convince them of this fact, we need words that are divine. No words of ours can produce conviction of sin: God's Word alone can do that. It is the "sword of the Spirit" alone that can prevail in such a conflict as this, and the sword of the Spirit is the Word of God (Eph. 6:17).

### **2. Secondly: To point men who are convicted of sin to Jesus Christ, who is the Sin-bearer.**

This can only be done by directing the thought of the inquirer to those passages of Scripture which set forth the death of Christ as the propitiation for the sins of men. No words of ours can give peace and assurance to souls that are burdened with the knowledge and guilt of sin. God must speak if men are to hear the words, "Go in peace; thy sins are forgiven thee."

### **3. Thirdly : We must use the Bible in order to establish men in the faith, and to direct them to the means of growth in the Christian life.**

It is not enough that we get men saved. We must show them how to make a success of the Christian life ; we must show them how to "grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" (2 Peter 3:18).

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