



Soul-

Catchers

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Jesus said to fisherman Simon, "Fear not: from now on you will fish for and catch people." Luke 5:10

1. Of all the characteristics for Soul-Catchers Success, enthusiasm produces the greatest results. You must be possessed with **Fiery Enthusiasm**. Enthusiasm is derived from the Greek word "entheos" meaning "**God-possessed.**" Never undertake Soul-Catching without being **God-possessed**. "*Your spirit should be fairly seething with enthusiasm while you are toiling as the Lord's bondman.*" Romans 12:11. King James Version uses these words, "*Be fervent in spirit,*" which means passionate, from the heart, boiling.

2. Great Soul-Catchers blaze with enthusiasm. Observers of Early Church Christians remarked: "*They that have turned the world upside down have come here!*" Holy Ghost fire ignites enthusiasm. This Holy Spirit-Force surpasses education, influence, personality or people skills.

3. A chief characteristic of the Apostle Paul: he was **undiscourageable**. Nothing dampened his enthusiasm! When the Lord visited my life as a zealous 18-year-old preacher, He challenged me to tackle the evils of my own family. My father was an alcoholic, an adulterer, a gambler. When I tried to talk with him about the Lord, he sharply rebuffed me. By God's grace, I too was undiscourageable. The Lord honored my holy passion. **Through healing, helping and loving**, all my family was born-again, including my father. Hallelujah!

4. Love is the highest manifestation of the Holy Spirit. Paul said, "*Covet earnestly the best gifts, and yet I show you a more excellent way.*" Love will

outlast and outlive all other virtues, both in time and importance. This is the message of the Cross – God’s love. The true measure of love is demonstrated in the giving of ourselves freely for others.

5. A generous man walking along a busy street noticed a street urchin standing with bare feet on the cold sidewalk. The child’s eager face was pressed against the plate glass window of the shoe store, longing after a pair of clean socks and new shoes. The kindhearted man gently led the waif into the store where a clerk fitted her with new socks and shoes. The bill was paid. The small girl and gentleman were soon back on the sidewalk. Half-shocked, half-overwhelmed with the desire to express her gratitude, she innocently asked, **“Say mister, is your name Jesus?”**

6. One hundred sixty-five times Paul uses the expressions **“in Christ”** or **“Christ in you.”** The Jesus in YOU can be powerfully effective in soul-catching. Through your Master Jesus – you **heal, help and love.**

7. Soul-catching is the ultimate purpose of your life’s work. **“He that winneth souls is wise”** Proverbs 11:30. You cannot be a **Soul-Catcher** with a half-hearted, passionless purpose. Fire must get into your bones, your heart and your head. Once your whole spirit, soul and body are ignited with holy zeal, spiritual passion and fervent enthusiasm, nothing will deter you, nothing will discourage you, nothing will defeat your purpose: to catch souls. **Be enthusiastic. Be wise. Be undiscourageable. Be His Love in action. God will make you a Soul-Catcher.**

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