

Seven Habits of Effective Christians

Habit #1 Make Social Contacts

- Jesus made it a point to pass through Samaria. (John 4:4)
- When people are not coming to Christ, it is because we are not going to people.
- Jesus asked us to go into the world. (Mark 16:15-16)
- Opportunities exist:
 - School- This may be the group of greatest potential.
 - Work-We spend much of our time on Earth with this group.
 - Home (family, friends, neighbors)
 - This will be the closest group to you.
- This will also be the hardest group to reach. (Matthew 13:54-58)

Habit #2 Establish a Common Interest

- Notice Jesus' first words to the woman. (John 4:7-8)
- Jesus took advantage of the situation itself.
- Common interests can be shared with anyone:
- Family, friends, work, recreation

Habit #3 Peek an Interest of Spiritual Things

- Peek an interest through your actions. (John 4:9)
- Our example can peek a great interest. (1 Peter 3:15)
- (Matthew 5:13-16)
- Peek an interest through your words. (John 4:10-14)
- Jesus took a conversation about water and made it about living water.

Habit #4 Don't Go Too Far, Too Quick

- Jesus needed to explain his words before he went further. (John 4:15-16)
- Jesus explained to her about the living water.
- Sometimes people do not realize what they need at first:
- Many want to jump into the book of Revelation, when they truly need the basics.
- Many need the first principles.
- (1 Corinthians 3:2)

Habit #5 Do Not Condemn Unnecessarily

- Jesus could have dwelt on her adulterous relationship. (John 4:17-18)
- (John 3:17)
- Our primary purpose is to save, not judge. (1 Corinthians 5:12-13)
- Our focus is to tell other about the forgiveness of God. (2 Corinthians 5:18-20)

Habit #6 Stick with the Main Issue

- The woman turned the subject to something else. (John 4:19-20)
- Jesus answered her question and returned to the main subject. (John 4:21-25)
- Stick with your objective.

Habit #7 Confront Directly

- Jesus confronted the woman with his identity. (John 4:26)
- Notice the example of Aquilla and Priscilla. (Acts 18:24-26)
- Make it your one primary objective to help the student understand their need and the plan of salvation. (Matthew 28:18-20)

After Effects:

- As a result of His efforts, Christ was able to speak with many more people in the city.
- The fields are ready for the harvest. (John 4:35)