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All of us are familiar with the term soul-winning. The idea is that we believers are to go out and share the gospel with the unsaved in the world around us and "win" them to the Lord. Now this can become very discouraging because the facts are that most of us do not "win" too many souls! I want to suggest some things that should be an encouragement to all of us to be about our Father's business.

Firstly, a more biblical term rather than us being "winners" we are to be "witnesses" unto the Lord Jesus - Acts 1:8. We can all "tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee (US), and hath had compassion on thee (US)" - Mark 5:19. The emphasis is not on how many people I have "won" to the Lord but have I been a faithful witness to those who I have met along life's road?

Now I want to remind us of the rewards which are ours both now and in the future when we are a witness unto the Lord.

1. We have the amazing privilege of seeing God working supernaturally in peoples' lives, particularly when someone gets saved - the greatest miracle of all! I Cor 3:6,7
2. We have the amazing privilege of being co-workers with God in a work that has eternal results. I Cor 3:9
3. We enjoy God's presence in a special way. Matt 28:19,20
4. We have the thanks of those who do get saved. I am so thankful that the Lord saved me, but I am also very thankful to those who the Lord used to bring me to the place where I heard the gospel and was saved!
5. Then there is the joy which the Lord gives when we witness for Him and especially when someone is saved.
 - (a) for us Luke 15:5, 9, 23
 - (b) for others Luke 15:6, 9,23,24
 - (c) for those in heaven Luke 15:7,10
6. When in heaven.
 - (a) rejoicing with others who laboured to be a witness for the Lord John 4:36
 - (b) a crown of rejoicing from the Lord I Thes 2:19
 - (c) hearing the words of our Lord "Well done thou good and faithful servant!"

There is great joy that is ours when witnessing for the Lord. One day a young man in our church came to me and told me that he had heard me make that sort of a statement a number of times but could not really relate to it. However, he said that had changed since he had recently had an opportunity to witness to someone about the Lord. He knew for himself the joy of being a witness for the Lord.

May the Lord help each of us to be a witness for Him and enjoy all of the privileges and blessings which can be ours both now and for eternity!
