

THREE TYPES OF PERSUASION

- A. Have You Ever Asked Why More People Are Not Following Christ Or Obeying His Word? [Population In Saginaw]
- B. Have You Ever Heard Some Say,
 - 1. One Day I Will Obey? [**Example:** My Brother]
 - 2. When I Have Time I Will Be More Involved!
- C. I Want To Suggest To You The Bible Tells Us Of Three Types Of Persuasions. [Lesson Today]

1) THERE ARE THOSE WHO WILL **NEVER** BE PERSUADED:

- A. **Luke 16:19-31**
- B. This Is How Many People Live Today!
 - 1. No Matter How Much Scripture You Share With Them--They Are Not Moved To Obey.
 - 2. You Can Have Facts, Proof, Evidences And They Still Will Not Believe.
- C. Maybe You've Said, "Well I Know What The Bible Teaches, But...I Don't Think It Will Work, Or It Is Out-dated..."
 - 1. Do You See The Problem With This Statement?
 - 2. The Key Problem "THINKING!"
 - 3. Prov. 3:5 "**TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL OF YOUR HEART, AND LEAN NOT ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING.**"
- D. **Example:** A Man And His Wife In Texas--Knew What He Needed To Do, But Wouldn't! [After A Bible Study]

2) THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE **ALMOST** PERSUADED:

- A. **Acts 26:27-29**
- B. These "Almost" Believers, Believe What The Bible Says, They Know What They Should Be Doing, BUT, *Something* Or *Someone* Is Holding Them Back!
- C. These Folks Are Also "Lukewarm"
 - 1. Almost *Committed*, Almost *Dedicated*, Almost *Servants*....
 - 2. This Means There Is Something We Don't Want To "Give-up"
- D. What Could Be More Important Than Your Soul?
 - 1. **Mark 8:34-38**
 - 2. What Is Your Soul Worth? You Children? Spouse?

- 3. We Trade It For A Lot Less Than "**ALL**" The Riches In The World.
- 4. Sometimes We "Sell-out" Because Of PRIDE, LAZINESS Or Even STUBBORNNESS.
- E. Are You An ALMOST Persuaded Christian?

3) THERE ARE THOSE WHO ARE **FULLY** PERSUADED:

- A. **I Tim. 1:11-12**
- B. Do You Know Why People Are Involved In *Programs* Like MADD, The Cancer Society, Red Cross, Or Muscular Dystrophy?
 - 1. They Believe These Are Good Causes [They Are]
 - 2. They Also Believe They Can Make A Difference [They Can]
- C. **Story:** Joe Garagiola [NBC-TV "Today Show"] Went To The Drug Store Pickup Tylenol, Kaopectate, Knee Support, Dristan, A Vaporizer, Remedy For Sore Gums, Preparation H. He Took It To The Counter And The Clerk Bag His Stuff And Handed It To Him And Said, "*Have A Nice Day!*"
- D. I Would Like To Tell Everyone Here To Have A "*Nice Day*" But, If You Are Not Fully Persuaded To Obey And Follow Jesus Then There Are No "*Nice-Days!*"
 - 1. Real *Peace*, Real *Joy*, Real *Life* Comes From Following Jesus!
 - 2. **Psa. 119:162-165**
 - 3. **EXAMPLE:** I Can't Help But Wonder HOW MANY People Sat In These Pews And Said To Themselves -- "One Day I Will Step-Out And Follow Christ." [Do You Know That Is Satan's Lie?]
- E. **PRAY**