



Cultivating a Missions Mindset

Characteristics of a missions mindset_Part 1

CHARACTERISTIC 1: We see sinners as people to be loved and befriended, not as enemies to be disdained and avoided.

INTRODUCTION

1. We embrace a biblical view of God's love and sovereignty over sinners (1 Cor 1:18–31).
 - A. Personal humility
 - B. Role of prayer
 - C. Possibility of salvation
2. We demonstrate the compassion and intentionality of Christ.
 - A. Luke 5:27–39
 - B. Luke 7:36–50
 - C. Luke 15:1–2; 7, 10, 32
3. We embody qualities to befriend unbelievers.
 - A. We show true concern.
 - B. We practice gracious hospitality.
 - C. We speak humble words.
 - D. We practice kind forbearance.
 - E. We expect ungodly behavior.
4. We repent of spiritual arrogance.
 - A. We are easily angered with unbelievers.
 - B. We are impatient they don't see things the way you do.
 - C. We speak condescendingly or jokingly about them & their lifestyles.
 - D. We see their salvation as an impossibility.
 - E. We see life as us (Christians) versus them (non-Christians).
 - F. We believe we are better than they are.
 - G. We engage them without a desire to persuade.
 - H. We have an unforgiving attitude.

If the prodigal son had known what the elder brother thought and said, I should not have wondered at all if he had run off, and never come back at all. He might have come near home, and then, hearing what his brother said, have stolen away again.

CONCLUSION