

The DNA of CBC:
Who We Are and What We're About
Part 6– Seeing Family and Friends
Come to Christ

Luke 15
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- A. Seeing family and friends come to Christ is important to us because it's important to God. (Luke 15)

- B. In order to see our friends and family come to Christ, we need to value...
 - 1. The work of the Holy Spirit (John 6:63-65)
Therefore...
 - a. Fast and pray.

 - b. Look for divine opportunities.

 - 2. The Word of God (Hebrews 4:12-13)
Therefore encourage others to read the Scriptures.

 - 3. Genuine relationships (Mathew 9:9-13)

Therefore we look to prioritize genuine friendships with those in our neighborhoods and communities.

So I Stay Near the Door: Why I Live My Life the Way I Do

I stay near the door. I neither go too far in, nor stay too far out. The door is the most important door in the world—it is the door through which people walk when they find God. There's no use my going way inside, and staying there. When so many are still outside and they...crave to know where the door is...So I stay near the door.



The most tremendous thing in the world is for people to find that door—the door to God. The most important things any one can do is take hold of one of those blind, groping hands, and to put it on the latch...Nothing else matters compared to helping them find it, and open it, and walk in and find [God]...So I stay near the door.

Go in great saints, go all the way in—go way down into the cavernous cellars and way up into the spacious attics—it is a vast, roomy house, this house where God is. Go into the deepest hidden casements, of withdrawal, of silence...(But realize that), the people too far in do not see... (they are) preoccupied with the wonder of it all...So I stay near the door.

I admire the people who go way in. But wish they would not forget how it was before they got in. Then they would be able to help the people who have not yet even found the door...

You can go in too deeply, and stay in too long, and forget the people outside the door.

As for me, I shall take my old accustomed place, near enough to God to hear Him, and know He is there, but not so far from people as not to hear them, and remember they are there, too. Where? Outside the door—Thousand of them, millions of them. **But—more important for me—one of them, two of them, ten of them, whose hands I am intended to put on the latch.** So I shall stay by the door and wait for those who seek it. “I (choose) to be a door-keeper...” **SO I STAY NEAR THE DOOR.**

Dr. Sam Shoemaker (shortened and adapted)