

# William Booth

Historically - God has always used young people to get things going...and that is why the enemy is after this young generation.....

Charles spurgeon - age 19-30 formed a 5000 seat auditorium in London and packed it out and called greatest preacher of the century

Jonathan Edwards - 13 years old, I was called and at 21 pastored a church that started a great awakening that shook the whole NE United States

Amy charmichael - 28 left for India missionary (served 56 years without a break)

George Williams YMCA - age 23 old business man that started a business outreach

John Wesley - age 26 - started the holy club start and lead America revival and in England

George Whitfield - 20 years old a member of John Wesley's holy club and by age 25 has lead 30k people to Jesus in America

Phylis Whitney - age 17 precious black slave girl

William booth (founder of Salvation Army) 15 - London slums started preaching

He attended a Methodist church that taught on conviction of sin and when walking home, at 11pm on a Sunday fell to his knees.

Started preaching on street corners and most that responses were poor people. Who were open to Christ, but resistant to church. Brought them there and thought it was a great idea, but deacons brought him into the mtg and said not to do it.

William booth passion for the poor

Left church to begin training new believers to evangelize, called it the Christian mission.

He read the annual report and didn't like "the Christian mission is a volunteer army" - no we are Salvation Army.

Salvation Army: Saving souls and meeting needs

Booth was self-conscious about his education deficiency and asked if he might study under a theologian within the New Methodist Connexion denomination. Surely theological training would help him in the mission.

William Booth matured and had an insight on where culture was going: "The chief danger that confronts the coming century will be religion without the Holy Ghost, Christianity without Christ, forgiveness without repentance, salvation without regeneration, politics without God, heaven without hell."

## **SALVATION ARMY**

4 things that made his Salvation Army a success and he held up for churches to be about salvation

(Read them)

No professionals – we are all soldiers in Christ's mission

Saved to save - but the results didn't bear fruit he hopes to see, so he stirred himself and got with God and got a heavenly vision.

An old Pentecostal preacher is quoted as saying, 'In all yer learnin', get the fire!' Sound advice. Get the learning but get the skills too. And Booth would agree: Get the fire!

It is estimated Booth traveled 5 million miles and preached 60,000 sermons in his 60 years of ministry. This included five trips to the United States and Canada, three to Australia and South Africa, two to India, one to Japan and several to the various European countries. Sixteen thousand officers were serving in his Army.

The funeral was held at a vast exhibition hall on Hammersmith Road, drawing 40,000, including Queen Mary, who sat next to an ex-prostitute, a convert of General Booth's. Traffic in London stopped for two hours as his funeral procession of 10,000 marching Salvationists went through the downtown streets.

## DIED

When he died, 65,000 to 150,000 marched by to pay tribute to the man who not only talked, but did something for the masses.

Lived Kingdom Minded.

Lived Others Minded.

Lived fire branded

## QUOTES

“The measure of your success will be the measure of your surrender”

"To get a man soundly saved it is not enough to put on him a pair of new breeches, to give him regular work, or even to give him a University education. These things are all outside a man, and if the inside remains unchanged you have wasted your labor. You must in some way or other graft upon the man's nature a new nature, which has in it the element of the Divine."

// William Booth

"God loves with a great love the man whose heart is bursting with a passion for the impossible."

// William Booth

“Pray as if everything depended on your prayer”

“If I thought I could win one more soul to the Lord by walking on my head and playing the tambourine with my toes, I'd learn how!”  
William Booth

“Some men’s ambition is art, fame or gold. Mine is the souls of men.”

"GO FOR SOULS, and go for the worst!" was the constant cry of William Booth, founder of the Salvation Army.