

# **Lay Witness**

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I. Introduction.

A. Preaching the gospel is for all.

II. The strongest church is often found in the toughest situations.

A. The church of Jerusalem was scattered when persecution fell on them but they carried the gospel elsewhere.

B. God allowed Satan to stir some things up in order that the church would get to work. The devil was foolish enough to let persecution fall upon the church.

III. The biblical principle: the lay people went everywhere preaching the Word.

A. The first missionary movement was one born of lay people.

B. They had enthusiasm from a personal experience with Christ, courage from dependence upon him and something to say.

C. To preach the word we must know it.

**Application questions;**

1. How ought Christians perceive persecution differently in light of what God did through the early church?

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2. What is your plan for getting into God's Word in a better way? What steps can you take?

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3. What are you doing to reach out to others in your circles? How can you maximize your witness to nonbelievers? Explain.

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