

Be a Witness for Christ

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I. Witness from the Great Commission of Christ.

A. Preach the Gospel. (Mark 16:15)

1. The Gospel is the power of God. (Romans 1:16)

B. Understand the Scriptures. (Luke 24:45)

1. Realization of the death of Jesus on the cross for sin.
2. Repentance and remittance of sin.
3. The Great commission.

C. Christ appeared to the disciples. (John 20:19)

1. Jesus gave them His peace.
2. Showed them His hands and side.
3. Gives them peace again.
4. As the Father sent Christ, He sends His disciples.
5. Witnessing is not an easy job.

D. Go therefore and make disciples. (Matthew 28:18-20)

1. The job is not to make converts.
2. The job is to make disciples.
 - a) Approach.
 - b) Outlook.
 - c) Everything you do.
4. Baptism.
 - a) Identification with God.
 - b) Identification with the people of God.
5. Teaching them to observe all things.

- a) Kept people in town to train them. (Acts 2:9-11)
- b) Went from house to house. (Acts 5:28)
- c) Launched out. (Acts 8:1)
- d) Preached the word. (Acts 8:4)
- e) Continued steadfastly. (Acts 2:42)

6. "Lo I am with you always."

E. Strategic plan. (Acts 1:8)

1. Witnesses

- a) Jerusalem - or your hometown.
- b) Judea.
- c) Samaria.
- d) Uttermost parts of the earth.

2. Message.

- a) Witnesses unto Jesus Christ.

II. What is a witness?

- A. Must know something about the subject.
- B. Must be willing to talk.
- C. His life must back up what he says.
- D. Doesn't talk about himself - but about the subject in question.

III. How did Jesus Christ witness?

- A. Read the Gospels.
- B. Message of Christ.
 - 1. Comfort. (Matthew 11:28)
 - 2. Challenge. (Luke 9:23)
 - 3. Act of Faith. (John 9:35)
 - 4. Forgiveness. (John 8:11)

III. Essentials in Witnessing.

A. Be sensitive to the needs of people.

1. People are like mountain peaks.
2. Access to reach every human soul.
3. No one will come to Christ until they admit a need.
4. No peace to the wicked. (Isaiah 57:20-21)
5. Open nerve evangelism.
 - a) Forgiveness of sins - offer of brand new life in Christ.
 - b) Senses something missing - offer a cure for loneliness.
 - 1) In touch with fellowship of loving people.
 - 2) United eternally with God.
 - c) Frustration of modern living - offer peace in Christ
 - d) Wants to be significant - offer change. (2 Corinthians 5:17)

B. Have knowledge of the word of God.

1. Comprehensive equipment of the man of God. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
2. Life in the seed. (Jeremiah 23:28)
 - a) Sow the Word. (Mark 4:3, 14)
 - b) Born of the Word. (1 Peter 1:23)
 - c) The Word is alive. (Hebrews 4:12)

C. Clean life. (2 Timothy 2:19-21)

D. Move ahead in the things of the Spirit.

1. Spend time in the Word and prayer daily. (Psalm 17:4)

E. Approach.

1. Illustrate how a sinful person can be united with a holy God.
 - a) Man is separated from God by his Sin.

b) How does he get connected with God?

c) Problem compounded:

1) All have sinned. (Romans 3:23)

2) Wages of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)

3) Judgment. (Hebrews 9:27)

d) The old rugged cross - hear and believe. (John 5:24)

1) Have everlasting life.

2) Shall not come into judgment.

3) Pass from death to life.

e) Where are you?

1) Believe. (John 1:12)

f) Would you like to receive Christ and have a relationship with God?