

Lesson 9:
Christian Witnessing

✚ **Objectives**

1. To spread the Word of God by witnessing for Christ.
2. To prepare oneself in sharing the Word of God to unbelievers.
3. To live a life of true witnesses for Christ.

✚ **Introduction**

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In their 35 years as neighbors on Earth, Arnie and Bart never knew they were both Christians. FUNNY isn't it? Do your neighbors know what you believe?

We need to show the people by our whole lives that we are the body and representatives of Jesus Christ on this earth (1 Cor. 6:19; Eph. 5:30; 2 Cor. 5:20). If we love Jesus we will certainly aim to demonstrate his life to the people we know - our friends, classmates, team-mates - everybody.

1 John 2:5-6

"... this is how we know we are in him: whoever claims to live in Him must walk as Jesus did."

The thrust of New Testament teaching is an exhortation for us to be like Jesus. This is achieved through the working of the Word of God and the Spirit of God in us

as we believe and obey God from a willing heart. In regard to evangelism, Jesus was sinless, yet he was also called "the friend of sinners". We mustn't be afraid of associating with unsaved people.

There are no formulas here. There will be many people with whom you will relate first on a purely natural level. As they see you grow more like Jesus they will listen to what you say about Jesus. Remember however, that while your actions speak loudly, if they never hear the gospel, they will die in their sins. Let them see that you mean and live what you say.

✚ **Lesson Proper**

WITNESSING

Witnessing is testifying and sharing the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Go stand and speak..(Acts 5:20) for it is the power of God unto salvation..(Romans 1:16). God has chosen you to be his witness.(Acts 22:14-15)

When He began His ministry, Jesus called two fishermen, Simon Peter and his brother Andrew, and said, "Come, follow me ... and I will make you fishers of men" (Matthew 4:19). Through the ages, the same call has gone out to all those who put their faith in Jesus Christ. He reaches others through the faithful witness of people like you (2 Corinthians 5:19-20).



THE IMPORTANCE OF WITNESSING

- A. The lost cannot call on the Lord to be saved unless they believe. (1Cor. 15:1-4). But how shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
- B. The Lost cannot believe in Him until they hear the good news of salvation. But how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? In the Bible we know that :
- The eunuch had to hear to believe. (Acts 8:26-39)
 - Paul had to hear to believe. (Acts 9:1-18)
 - The Philippian jailer had to hear to believe. (Acts 16:1-40)
- C. They cannot hear the good news without soul winner or a witness. But how shall they hear without a witness. Noticed that:
- Many were saved because the disciples witnessed. (Acts 2,3)
 - The Eunuch was saved because Phillip witnessed. (Acts 2:26-39)
 - Paul was saved because Stephen (Acts 7:54-60) and Ananias witness (Acts 9:1-18)
 - Cornelius and his household were saved because Peter witnessed (Acts 10)
 - You were saved because somebody witnessed to you.

THREE THINGS OF AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS

1. Your Life Example

As a witness for Christ, your life is a key part of your witness. You are a new creation—the way your new faith shows itself in your conduct is the greatest testimony you have (Matthew 5:16). This means your habits and lifestyle should reflect a life given over to Jesus Christ. You are the salt and the light in this world.

2. The Power of the Holy Spirit

You also need a power beyond yourself in order to witness—this is the Holy Spirit. Jesus promises that the Holy Spirit will give us power to tell others about Him (Acts 1:8). When your life is clean and you walk under the control of the Holy Spirit, He is able to witness through you.

A man named Philip was chosen to serve the church because he was "full of the Spirit and wisdom" (Acts 6:3). He was having a successful ministry in Samaria (Acts 8:4-13), when an angel summoned him to go to Gaza (Acts 8:26), where an Ethiopian official was returning from Jerusalem. The Ethiopian was reading from chapter 53 of Isaiah at the time. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, Philip began to talk with the Ethiopian using that very passage of Scripture and telling him the good news about Jesus (Acts 8:35).

3. The Power of God's Word

The third critical ingredient to effective witness is God's Word—the Bible. In the story of Philip, God put the appropriate Scripture in the hands of the Ethiopian before He sent Philip to share with him. When the seed of God's Word is planted in a prepared heart, it produces fruit—a new believer in Christ (1 Peter 1:23).

WHO SHALL WITNESS?

- A person who experienced true conversion. (Isaiah 52:11, 2Tim. 2:6-7)
- He has a strong, unshakable conviction (John 9:4, Luke 5:11, Acts 2:26,39)



- He had received the commission (responsibility) Mark 16:15, John 15:16, John 20:21.
- He is filled with the spirit. (Gal. 5:22, Eph. 5:18)
- He is separated (consecrated) unto the gospel of God (Romans 1:16)
- A person who is established in faith. (1Peter 3:15)

HOW TO WITNESS

- Seek and pray for the opportunity.
- Share the Word of God coupled with your testimony.
- Lead the person to a decision.
- Stress the importance of fellowship with other Christians.
- Convinced Him/Her to attend in worship service

✚ Conclusion:

The heart of Christian witnessing might be best expressed the way you live everyday according to the will of God. Our life is an open book and we are the instrument to reveal the unseen Jesus to the lives of the lost ones.

"You shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth." We have been left on this earth to lead others to Christ"...

Are you ready to witness?

✚ Life Application:

- Actual Witnessing