
WITNESSING

LESSON ELEVEN

Webster defines a witness as: "A person who saw, or can give a firsthand account of something." A witness is a Christian who can give a "firsthand account" of his salvation experience. In other words, such a person can tell others how he came to know Jesus Christ personally. "Babes in Christ", or new Christians, must realize that God expects us to share our message with others.

In fact, after His resurrection and just before Jesus Christ ascended to the Father, He left one great mission for all believers: "*Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature*" (Mark 16:15). On the same occasion He said, "*Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me. . .*" (Acts 1:8). Christ has told us to go everywhere and tell everyone the Gospel. All men are sinners. Christ died for all men. Therefore, He desires all men to hear the message. This is OUR responsibility.

It is important to understand that every Christian should be a soul winner. Soul winning is not a gift but a command. To develop as a good soul winner you must have a PLAN. After opening the door for conversation by asking a person what his or her church background is, you should give your testimony. Then, show him that he is a sinner (Rom. 3:23); the penalty for his sin is death in hell (Rom. 6:23); Jesus paid the penalty for their sin on the cross (Rom. 5:8); and they can be saved by believing on and receiving Christ as Savior (Rom. 10:13).

As a new Christian, you should begin to study and memorize Scripture. But even before you are well-grounded

in the Bible, you can be a **witness** for Christ by simply explaining what happened to you. In reality, the greatest and most important argument for the Christian faith is the personal testimony of a transformed life. God promises that as we go and tell others the message, some will hear and respond. *"He that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed (the Gospel), shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him"* (Ps. 125:6). In the New Testament we have this promise, *"And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not"* (Gal. 6:9).

Since Jesus died for us, we owe it to Him to live for Him and tell His message to others!

TRUTH IN REVIEW: (Look up verses)

A witness is a person who gives a "firsthand account" of his salvation experience (Acts 4:20).

Christ has commanded us to go into all the world and tell every person His gospel (Matt. 28: 18-20).

There is nothing more important than your personal testimony (Acts 2:21,22).

God promises results as we are faithful in witnessing for Him (Gal. 6:7-9).

ANSWER THESE QUESTIONS:

1. A witness is one who tells what he has seen or h_____.
2. God expects every Christian to be a _____ for Him.
3. We should memorize S_____ so we can be better witnesses for Christ.
4. God promises that we shall r_____ if we are faithful in sowing the seed.
5. How can our lives be a testimony for Jesus Christ (John 13:35)? _____

ANSWERS:

Lesson 11: 1. Heard 2. Witness 3. Scripture 4. Reap 5. Loving One Another