

## New Believers Lesson- Becoming a Witness for Christ

One of the first signs that we have become a "Born Again Christian" should be an indwelt Spirit prompting us to witness for him.

There are two things that you will directly affect when you witness:

1. The world around you
2. Your own world- which should be different now

A wise man once said there are three types of people who live in the world:

- those that watch things happen
- those that wonder what happened
- those who make things happen

I would hope that with the presence of Christ in our hearts we all are those that make things happen!!

The question is which will you be?

Often many believe it should only be lifestyle evangelism or a quiet spirit that exemplifies a witness! This of course is not what the Bible teaches us.

But the lifestyle we live makes all the difference

- a. Our actions speak a thousand words
- b. Our attitudes make or break us in our relationships with others
- c. The only way to please God is to live a Holy Life, setting an example in everything we do

**1 Timothy 4:12**

### Why Share Your Faith?

1. First and foremost sharing the love of Christ is vital to staying active and sharp in our skills which becomes and should be a spiritual discipline. **Matthew 28** tells us TO GO...INTO ALL THE WORLD...
2. Secondly it should be an act of love towards God for all he did for us in saving us from Hell but also action towards the unsaved showing God you care for the lost and want to reach them.
3. One of our greatest motives should be that we are a part of fulfilling that Command of Jesus' the Great Commission. **Matthew 28:18-20**
4. Faith and love go together. It was by faith that you believed and received by trusting God and you were set free from death and Hell. Now it becomes our job and calling to reach those that don't know this.
5. Growing in the Spirit should develop a God given natural desire to witness, an overflow of who we are in Christ.
6. Sharing your faith keeps you moving forward and you continue to grow learning the how to's of sharing your faith making new opportunities. **Matthew 13:12**
7. If you have been baptized in the Holy Spirit, God promises you the power to be his Witnesses and to witness - **Acts 1:8** more on this is our Lesson on the Holy Spirit...
8. Sharing your faith is obedience to God- **Philemon 1:6**
9. We need to remember God loves all people even our enemies. We must be about our "Father's Business" of telling others about Christ because someone has taken the time to tell us.  
**John 3:16-17, 1 Timothy 2:3-4**

**Remember:** Many people will only enter the kingdom of God because someone told them about Jesus, someone that they knew, which is usually the highest reason people come to church or meet Christ.

God calls us New Creatures in Christ Jesus **2 Corinthians 5:17** all has gone all has become new! It's a clean sweep of our lives what a blessing we have been given, let us never become ungrateful and forget the great sacrifice that Christ made for us and those that have yet to hear and Commit.

**Sharing our faith does some very important things:**

- A. It gives you boldness
- B. You discover some of your hidden talents and gifts
- C. You realize you are nothing and have been given everything
- D. Your gifts are often confirmed by others in the Body of Christ
- E. Even if you are not baptized in the Holy Spirit we are commanded to witness
- F. It gives us confidence and leads us into areas we might not have ventured into without him

**How to Witness:**

1. First without the personal relationship with Christ its fruitless, we need to be "Born Again"
2. We need to present ourselves as living vessels clean, free of Unforgiveness and pure  
**1 Cor. 6:19, Rom 12:1**
3. Sin if any kind has to go, we must be willing to let the Spirit move through us
4. Always be watching for opportunities to share your faith and be obedient when he prompts you  
**Acts 8:26-40**
5. Always be interested in the lives of the unsaved- it makes the Gospel attractive to them
6. Be sensitive to people and be compassionate always watching your body language
7. Be ready at any moment if the Spirit of God prompts you to share your faith whether it be the the spoken Word or the printed Word of God.
8. Be prayed up and make sure you have a good variety of Bible verses memorized to share if needed

**It's vital to know the literature you use and all that the Word of God says so you will have an answer for those that ask about the hope you have in Christ.**

**1 Peter 3:15**

9. An most important the thing that should motivate us to witness is that we are now free For who the Son sets free is free and we can help the by being a witness in all we do.  
**John 8:36-** For who the Son sets free will be free...NIV  
We must remember that it is God's will that none should perish or die and go to Hell  
**John 1:12, Rev. 3:20**
10. Use good material when you witness and carry a small Bible. If someone commits their life to Jesus makes sure you have material to hand out to them and a good church to send them to.
11. Be familiar with many key Verses that deal with salvation and witnessing- **Acts 4:12, John 3:16**

12. Be available to go with a New Christian to a Bible study you have connected them to or to attend that church service with them. In the beginning they are most committed to you and need your support to make the conversion effective.

### **How to Be an Effective Witness for Christ**

1. Allow Christ to be seen in your every word and activity
2. Be baptised in water as a believer for this a sure sign of your new faith in Christ
3. Learn to rely on the Holy Spirit so that you will be able to share faith more effectively **Acts 1:18**
4. Learn what the Gospel is and how to share it with others soon as possible
5. Sharing your faith is a way that we bear fruit and that fruit becomes soul bearing fruit

Sharing our faith should become a way life for those that train themselves early, a difficult one for those that do not.

### **Questions**

1. Why is it important to share our faith? **Romans 10:13-15**
2. After repentance what does the scripture say that we are to do as a witness of our faith?  
**Acts 2:38**
3. Whose power do we receive to be witnesses? **Acts 1:8**
4. What did Jesus tell his followers about being witnesses? **Luke 24:48-49**
5. Why is it important to confess Christ before others? **Matthew 10:32**
6. What was the greatest desire of the Apostle Paul regarding the Israelites?  
**Romans 10:1**
7. How can you overcome fear to witness? - **1 John 4:18**
8. According to the Book of Jude what should be done for others as we await the coming of Lord? - **Jude 22-23**