

Souls for Christ Ministries Presents: New Believer's Lessons

Lesson #13 Learning to Share Your Faith

In this lesson you will learn:

- **Why you should share your faith**
- **Tips on how to share your faith**
- **How to be an effective witness**

One of the first signs that we have become a "Born Again Christian" should be the presence of the Holy Spirit prompting us to witness for him. This is **sharing your faith**.

Sharing your faith directly affects:

- ✓ The world around you because you are no longer the same
- ✓ Your own world and personal faith

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 are those that make things happen. The question is which will you be?

Many believe evangelism should be about a quiet witness using words only when needed. This is referred to as *lifestyle evangelism*. This is not biblical evangelism. But in all fairness, we all have different callings and may feel we have gifts for different ministries, which we do.

Let us note a few things here about Lifestyle Evangelism

- Our actions, they speak louder than words. If we act poorly in front of others what happens to our quiet witness? If we merely witness as per actions alone, sometimes it is not received.
- Our attitudes, they make or break us in our relationships with others. But if we exemplify a bad attitude how do we make that right if it destroys our effective witness? For example, if we fail to display a Godly attitude, ultimately it can ruin our Christ-like image even if we are just having a bad day.
But sharing Christ using words and our testimony can level the playing field.
- The only way to please God is to live a holy life, setting an example in everything we do. The Bible teaches us to set an example by what do and what we say. A silent witness limits our scope of outreach. **1 Timothy 4:12 says: "Don't let anyone look down on you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith, and in purity."**

Why Share Your Faith?

1. Sharing the love of Christ is vital in developing our evangelism skills
Matthew 28 tells us to *“go into all the world...”* Witnessing for Christ must become a discipline.
2. Sharing our faith demonstrates faith in action. God saved us and now requires active faith, calling us to help fulfill his commission of bringing the gospel into all the world.
3. We have been saved from eternal hell. Nothing should motivate us more to share our faith and share God’s heart and passion for the lost. Read: **Acts 1:8**
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 ministry and calling to reach those who haven’t yet realized their eternal destiny is important to God.
5. When we receive the baptism in the Holy Spirit God gives us new power to be his witnesses. He flows through us, a vessel, to win others to Christ in his power, not ours.
6. Sharing our faith enables us to reach outside our comfort zone and produces fruitfulness in our lives. Faithfully witnessing to others can also show help us move in new areas of gifting in our lives.
7. Sharing your faith is obedience to God. Read: **Philemon 1:6**
8. 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. Read: **John 3:16-17** and **1 Timothy 2:3-4**

Remember: Many people enter the kingdom of God because someone told them about Jesus. And the main reason why people come to church and meet Christ is because someone has asked them to attend.

2 Corinthians 5:17 says: *“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”*

When we come to Christ all has become new. It's a clean sweep of our lives. We've been given newness but let us not forget the great sacrifice that Christ paid for us and for those that have yet to hear and commit their lives to him.

Sharing our faith

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

How to Witness

1. First without a personal relationship with Christ its fruitless, we need to be "Born Again"
2. We need to present ourselves as clean vessels, free of unforgiveness and with absolute purity. Read: **1 Corinthians 6:19 and Romans 12:1**
3. Sins separates us from God- As you share your faith God the Holy Spirit flows through you to reach others. If we harbor sin in our hearts it grieves the Spirit, preventing him from working through us.
4. Always be watching for opportunities to share your faith and be obedient when the Holy Spirit prompts you. Read: **Acts 8:26-40**
5. Always be interested in the lives of the unsaved. It makes the Gospel attractive to them.
6. Be sensitive and kind even to those who are not kind to you. Opportunities flow out of the least likely places. Read: **Ephesians 5:16**
7. If the Spirit of God prompts you to share your faith do it immediately whether it be the spoken Word or literature.
8. Be prayed up and make sure you have a good variety of Bible verses memorized to share if needed.

Lesson #14 has more teaching about Prayer.

It is vital to know the literature you use and what the Word of God says about salvation in Christ so you can give an answer to anyone who asks.

Read: **1 Peter 3:15**

9. Christ desires that many come to him for freedom and salvation. Learn how to present the full gospel message so you become as effective as you can in sharing the message.
Read: **John 8:36**
10. Use supportive literature when you witness and carry a small Bible. If someone commits their life to Jesus make sure you have material to give them and a good church to send them to.
11. Be familiar with many key verses that deal with salvation and witnessing.
Read: **Acts 4:12 and John 3:16**
12. Be available to go with a New Christian to a Bible study to get them connected or attend a church service with them. In the beginning their commitment to you and they need your support to make it through the days ahead.

Remember we may be the only Bible some people ever read.

Lesson #7 has more teaching about the Bible.

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. 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
Read: **Acts 1:18**
4. Learn what the Gospel is and how to share it with others. Read: **Titus 3:4-7**
5. Sharing your faith is a way that we bear spiritual fruit in our lives.

Sharing our faith should become a way life for those that train themselves early.

Questions for you about this lesson **Please look up the following verses in your Bible**

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

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