

Effective Witnessing – Part 1.

Today is the beginning of a new day in History.

We are making History.

Great reformatory Movement

“In visions of the night representations passed before me of a great reformatory movement among God's people. Many were praising God. **The sick were healed, and other miracles were wrought.... Hundreds and thousands were seen visiting families, and opening before them the word of God.** Hearts were convicted by the power of the Holy Spirit, and a spirit of genuine conversion was manifest. On every side doors were thrown open to the proclamation of the truth. The world seemed to be lightened with the heavenly influence. Great blessings were received by the true and humble people of God.”—Testimonies for the Church 9:126.

Many are Waiting to be Gathered in.

All over the world men and women are looking wistfully to heaven. Prayers and tears and inquiries go up from souls longing for light, for grace, for the Holy Spirit. **Many are on the verge of the kingdom, waiting only to be gathered in.** {AA 109.1}

Effective Witnessing

True effective Christian witnessing is about Christ. It is birthed out of a personal relationship with the Savior we love.

Your Light – Your Life – Your Works – Type of Witnessing

1. What has Jesus chosen us as?

Mt 5:14 Ye are the _____ of the world.

2. A city that is set on a hill cannot be _____.

3. Purpose of the light is to shine:

Mt 5:15 Neither do men light a candle, and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth _____ unto all that are in the house.

4. The Purpose of Letting our Light to Shine:

Mt 5:16 Let your **light so shine before men**, that they may see your _____, and _____ your Father which is in heaven.

You must have the light of Christ in your life for you to shine. It is the light that reveals your good works. Our good works is to bring glory to God.

5. Jesus demonstrated Good Works:

Joh 10:32 Jesus answered them, _____ have I shewed you from my Father; for which of those works do ye stone me?

Ac 9:36 Dorcas: this woman was full of _____ and alms-deeds which she did.

Eph 2:10 For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus **unto** _____, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

6. Good behavior is a witness:

1Ti 3:7 Moreover he must have a **good report of them** which are without; lest he fall into reproach and the snare of the devil.

1Th 2:10 **Ye are witnesses**, and God also, how holily and justly and **unblameably** we **behaved** ourselves among you that believe:

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Point: People of the world does not care about what you believe. They care about what you do for others. People may not understand your theology, but they do understand Love and good behavior.

7. What is the intent of Witnessing is to Create Believers.

Joh 1:7 The same came for a **witness**, to bear witness of the Light, that **all men through him might** _____.

The Light of our witness is to make believer.

The Biblical Definition of a witness

8. Joh 3:32 And what he hath _____ and _____, that he **testifieth**; and no man receiveth his testimony.

9. Good News of the Kingdom is a Witness:

Mt 24:14 And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a _____ unto all nations; and then shall the end come.

The Good News of the Kingdom is that the Kingdom has come.

Gospel Means Good News Not Bad News

The reason why souls are not saved is because we are not sharing the

Good News about the Good News.

10. Some people are Publicists for Bad News.

Eph 4:29 Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers.

Negative people cannot be a good positive witness.

11. Jesus was preaching Good News –News that is Good.

Mt 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel (Good News) of the kingdom**, and **healing** every sickness and every disease among the people.

Note: People are not coming to church to find gossipmongers, and crabby people.

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People come to church seeking **hope, help and healing**. If your church is not offering *Hope, Help, and Healing* why should they come?

12. Gossip makes your Witness Worthless:

2 Cor. 12: 20 For I fear, lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I would, and that I shall be found unto you such as ye would not: lest there be **debates, envyings, wraths, strifes, backbitings, whisperings, (gossipers) swellings, tumults:**

Cannibals do not make good witnesses.

Understanding the Good News

13. The Gospel is a war term:

Isa 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the **feet of him** that bringeth **good tidings**, that publisheth (proclaims) **peace**; that bringeth **good tidings of good**, that **publisheth salvation**; that saith unto Zion, Thy **God reigneth!**

This text illustrates a messenger bringing the news of Victory! The War is Won. God Rules.

Note: The Good News is about How God through Christ has defeated Satan and has delivered us for eternal salvation through the life and death of Jesus. The Good News is about Jesus and all He did, and taught, and is doing, as well as His soon coming.

Good News is about Jesus

14. Mr 1:1 The beginning of the gospel (Good News) of Jesus Christ, the Son of God;

The Good News is about Jesus Christ, the Son of God. The name Jesus means Salvation. Christ means anointed – Messiah, the one sent from God. Son of God means, God's own divine son who represents him on earth. The Good news is of the entire life, death, work and love of Jesus Christ in procuring our complete Salvation. It is powerful.

The Gospel is the POWER OF GOD:

Ro 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the **power of God unto salvation** to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.

15. It is the Power of God to Save Man.

1Co 1:18 For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are **saved it is the power of God.**

16. Satan was defeated in heaven.

Lu 10:18 And he (Jesus) said unto them, I beheld **Satan as lightning fall from heaven.**

Re 12:9 And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was **cast out into the earth,** and his angels were cast out with him.

17. Christ announced the Devil's defeat:

Joh 12:31 Now is the **judgment** of this world: now shall the prince of this world **be cast out.**

18. Satan cannot accuse Christ:

Joh 14:30 Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath **nothing in me.**

19. Satan is Judged:

Joh 16:11 Of judgment, because the **prince of this world is judged.**

20. Christ came to destroy the works of the Devil:

1Jo 3:8 He that committeth sin is of the devil; for the devil sinneth from the beginning. For this purpose the Son of God was manifested, that he might **destroy the works of the devil.**

21. At the Cross Satan was defeated at the cross:

Re 12:10 And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, **Now is come salvation,** and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is **cast down,** which accused them before our God day and night.

22. Satan will be destroyed on the Final Judgement day:

Heb 2:14 Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might **destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil;**

Re 20:10 And the **devil that deceived them was cast into the lake of fire** and brimstone,

The Devil is mentioned 57 times, Satan is mentioned 49 times, Lucifer 1 time, but Jesus is mentioned 942 times, Christ 532, and God is mentioned 3893 times, and the Holy Spirit 152 times. Angel and Angels are mentioned 284 times.

Devils are mentioned 48 times. Devils are mentioned mostly as in defeat.

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Satan, Devil, Lucifer is mentioned approx. 107 times. God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit are mentioned over 5,519 times. If God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit collectively are mentioned over 5,519 times – what should you be talking about?

23. God wins the war over your Soul.

Ro 5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

Before we are converted to Christ the carnal mind is at war with God.

Ro 8:7 Because the carnal mind is _____ against God: for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be.

Once we accept Christ as our personal Savior and surrender to God we are saved.

24. You must choose whose side you will be on.

Jos 24:15 And if it seem evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD.

The Gospel is life changing.

2Co 5:17 Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new _____: old things are passed away; behold, all things are become _____.

25. It is the gospel (Good News) of the Kingdom:

Mt 4:23 And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.

Mt 9:35 And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and **preaching the gospel of the kingdom**, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people.

God's Kingdom is the place where God lives. His Kingdom extends from Heaven throughout the universe and into the hearts of men.

26. Imminence of the Kingdom of God:

Mr 1:15 And saying, The time is fulfilled, and the **kingdom of God is at** _____: repent ye, and believe the _____.

Note: The arrival of Christ was the arrival of the Kingdom of God.

Positive Blessings of the Good News

27. Jesus announced his positive liberating message:

Lu 4:18 The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to **preach the gospel (Good News)** to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised,

28. Christ was empowered: Lu 4:18

_____ is upon me,

29. Christ was commissioned – purposed: Lu 4:18.

because he hath anointed me _____,

30. Christ has Positive Content: Lu 4:18.

the _____ news.

31. Christ had specific audience: Lu 4:18.

to the _____ (Humble – Poor in spirit).

32. Christ's Good News in action: Lu 4:18.

he hath sent me to _____, (emotionally broken)

to preach _____ to the captives, (deliverance from Satan)

and recovering of sight to _____, (spiritually blind)

to set at _____ them that are bruised, (crushed)

Witnessing Tells of a Living Christ.

33. We witness of His resurrection:

Ac 1:22 Beginning from the baptism of John, unto that same day that he was taken up from us, must one be ordained to be a **witness with us of his** _____.

Ac 4:33 And with great power gave the **apostles witness of the** _____ **of the Lord Jesus: and great grace was upon them all.**

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Ac 2:32 This Jesus hath **God** _____, whereof we all are witnesses.

Ac 3:15 And killed the Prince of life, whom God hath _____; whereof we are witnesses.

The fundamental difference between Christianity and other ancient religions is that Christ is alive.

35. The Resurrection of Christ demonstrates

1. He is real.
2. He is truthful.
3. He is sent from God and all his claims are true.
4. He is the divine Son of God.
5. He is alive.

Witnessing of the resurrection means Christ is physically alive. He has risen from the dead and ascended to heaven to the father and is present with us through the person of the Holy Spirit.

Joh 14:17 Even the **Spirit** of truth; ... for he dwelleth with you, and shall **be in you**.

18. I will not leave you comfortless: **I will come to you.**

A Dead Church Cannot Effectively tell of a Living Christ.

34. Jesus is the everlasting Gospel (Good News):

Rev. 14: 6 And I saw another angel fly in the midst of heaven, having the **everlasting gospel** to preach unto them that dwell on the earth, and to every nation, and kindred, and tongue, and people, 7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his judgment is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

The First Angel of Revelation of 14 proclaims the everlasting Gospel. Salvation through Christ and Christ alone is the everlasting Gospel. Everything Jesus did and taught is the gospel.

Mr 1:1 The beginning of the **gospel of Jesus Christ**, the **Son of God**;

Note: Mark begins his entire book of the life of Jesus as, “**The Good News of Jesus Christ.**”

Christ is Everlasting:

Heb 13:8 Jesus Christ the same **yesterday, and today, and forever.**

Re 1:11 Saying, I am **Alpha and Omega ...:**

Re 1:17 Fear not; I am the **first and the last:**

Re 22:13 ... the **beginning and the end**, the first and the last.

Re 1:8 ... the Lord, **which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.**

35. Christ always has and will always be the only way of Salvation:

Ac 4:12 Neither is there **salvation** in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be

Joh 14:6 Jesus saith unto him, **I am the way, the truth, and the life**: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

Re 13:8 And all that dwell upon the earth shall worship him, whose names are not written in the book of life of the Lamb slain from the

The Content of the Witnessing Message

36. Christ's Suffering, Resurrection, Repentance, and Forgiveness of Sin.

Lu. 24: 45 Then **opened he their understanding**, that they might **understand the scriptures**,

46 And said unto them, Thus it is written, and thus it behoved **Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day**:

47 And that **repentance and remission of sins** should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.

Repentance and Forgiveness is to be preached in His Name.

37. What Does Jesus say after he announces that His suffering, resurrection, repentance and forgiveness is to be preached in His Name?

Luke 24:48 And ye are _____.

Preparation for Witnessing

38. We need Prayer Power before Proclamation.

Lu 11:13 If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children: how much more shall your heavenly Father give the **Holy Spirit to** them that _____ him?

Lu 24:49 And, behold, I send the _____ of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.

Ac 1:8 But ye shall **receive power, after** that the _____ is come upon you: and ye shall be **witnesses** unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

Ac 5:32 And we are **his witnesses** of **these things**; and so is also the **Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.**

Praying for Power: We need to pray for the power of the Holy Spirit to witness for Christ. The Power of the Holy Spirit makes our witness effective.

39. We witness of the things Jesus did:

Ac 10:39 And we are **witnesses of all things which he did both in the land of the Jews**, and in Jerusalem; whom they slew and hanged on a tree:

Ac 13:31 And he was seen many days of them which came up with him from Galilee to Jerusalem, **who are his witnesses unto the people.**

40. Christ's Works Bear Witness of Him:

Joh 5:36 But I have **greater witness** than that of John: for the **works** which the Father hath given me to finish, **the same works that I do, bear witness of me**, that the Father hath sent me.

What has Jesus done in your life? And what has He done in the lives of others?

41. A Witness, Speaks, Testifies what they have seen and know:

Joh 3:11 Verily, verily, I say unto thee, **We speak that we do know, and testify that we have seen; and ye receive not our witness.**

Note: A Christian witness is not uncertain about what he believes about Christ. He has had a personally experience with the Jesus he is talking about.

42. God witnesses about His Son:

1Jo 5:9 If we receive the witness of men, the **witness of God** is greater: for this is **the witness** _____ **which he hath testified (Witness) of his Son.**

1Jo 5:10 He that believeth on the Son of God hath the **witness in himself**: he that believeth not God hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that **God gave of his Son.**

43. He will not throw anyone out who comes to Him:

Joh 6:37 All that the Father giveth me shall come to me; and him that cometh to me I will in no wise _____ out.

44. Jesus Came to give us a more abundant life

Joh 10:10 The thief cometh not, but for to steal, and to kill, and to destroy: I am come that they might have life, and that they might have it more _____.

When we have a dynamic and living relationship with Christ our witness will be effective. We are to tell others of our personal experience with Christ and what He can do in their life as well. We are to share the Good News of His matchless love, care and sacrifice for us and how it has changed our lives and how it will change their life as well.

Do you want to be a dynamic living witness?

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