

Effective Witnessing Principles Part 2. Motivation and Purpose for Witnessing

Why is Witnessing Important?

1. We witness because of Eternal issues of Life or Death:

De 30:19 I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before you _____ and _____, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live:

2. We witness because all of us will be judged:

2Co 5:10 For we must _____ appear before the **judgment seat** of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad.

2Co 5:11 Knowing therefore **the** _____ **of the Lord**, we persuade men; but we are made manifest unto God; and I trust also are made manifest in your consciences.

3. Fear God ... Why?

Re 14:7 Saying with a loud voice, Fear (φοβηθητε) God, and give glory to him; for the hour of his _____ is come: and worship him that made heaven, and earth, and the sea, and the fountains of waters.

Note: We Fear God because He is our Creator and He will call his created beings to answer for the life He has given them. Our Choices determine our Destiny. Without Christ we will lost.

4. We want People Saved not Lost:

2Pe 3:9 The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, _____ willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

5. We witness because the Gospel benefits our daily 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 _____, and that they might have it more _____.

The Devil only comes to take and destroy our lives, Jesus came to give us an abundant life.

6. We witness because of Companionship with God.

Heb 13:5 Let your conversation be without covetousness; and be content with such things as ye have: for he hath said, I will never _____ thee, nor forsake thee.

Mt 28:20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I **am -----** _____ **you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.**

7. We witness so others will have Hope:

Ps 31:24 Be of good courage, and he shall strengthen your heart, all ye that _____ in the LORD.

Ps 38:15 For in thee, O LORD, do I _____: thou wilt hear, O Lord my God.

Ps 39:7 And now, Lord, what wait I for? my hope _____ is in thee.

8. We witness for People to Find Help in God.

Ps 35:2 Take hold of shield and buckler, and stand up for mine _____.

Ps 37:40 And the LORD shall _____ them, and deliver them: he shall deliver them from the wicked, and save them, because they trust in him.

9. We witness for people to find peace with God.

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

10. We witness for people to find peace in this world.

Joh 14:27 Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

11. **Your good life is not enough to win people to Christ.**

- A. A perfect life testimony without letting people to know that you are a Christian steals Glory from God.
They Glorify you and not God.
- B. Simply saying you will live a good live and say nothing hides you behind a cloak of fear.
- C. People need to hear as well as see the gospel.
- D. Most people will not see the details of your life to know that you are a wonderful Christian.
- E. You are commanded to speak to others of Christ.
- F. There are more people you can speak to than will ever see your life.
- G. Every life is imperfect, and faults are easily seen.
- H. You must therefore open your mouth.

12. **Nature Declares God:**

Ps 97:6 The heavens _____ his righteousness, and all the people see his glory.

Ps 19:1 The heavens declare the _____; and the firmament sheweth his handywork.

13. **We are to declare His glory:**

1Ch 16:24 Declare his glory among the heathen; his marvellous _____ among all nations.

Ps 9:11¶ Sing praises to the LORD, which dwelleth in Zion: declare among the people his _____.

Ps 96:3 Declare his glory among the heathen, his _____s among all people.

Ps 145:6 I will declare thy _____.

Ps 26:7 That I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.

Ps 66:16 Come *and* hear, all ye that fear God, and I will declare what he hath

_____ for my
soul.

14. Declare the Gospel:

1Co 15:1 Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the
_____ (Good News) which I preached
unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand;

15. Declare Jesus:

1Jo 1:3 That which we have seen and heard _____ we unto
you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the
Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1Jo 1:5¶ This then is the message which we have _____ of him, and
declare unto you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**Don't be afraid to Declare Christ
Many have Been Persecuted and Killed for the Cause of
Christ.**

16. John imprisoned for His testimony:

Re 1:9 I John, who also am your brother, and companion in tribulation, and in the kingdom
and patience of Jesus Christ, was in the isle that is called Patmos, for the word of God, and
for the _____ of Jesus Christ.

17. Paul Persecuted for His testimony:

Ac 22:18 And saw him saying unto me, Make haste, and get thee quickly out of Jerusalem:
for they will not receive thy _____ concerning me.

18. We Overcome by the Word of our Testimony:

Re 12:11 And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their
_____ ; and they loved not their lives unto the death.

19. Christians Died for their Testimony:

Re 6:9 And when he had opened the fifth seal, I saw under the altar the souls of them that
were _____ for the word of God, and for the testimony which they
held:

Re 1:2 Who bare record of the word of God, and of the testimony of Jesus Christ, and of all things that he saw.

20. **Our Affliction here is nothing in comparison to Heaven's Blessing.**

2Co 4:17 For our _____ affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and _____ weight of glory;

21. **Pleasing God is a testimony:**

Heb 11:5 By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he _____ God.

22. **We are Prepared to Share our Faith:**

1Pe 3:15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and *be ready always to give an* _____ to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

Col 4:6 Let your speech *be* always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to _____ every man.

23. **We Confess Christ's Divinity:**

1Jo 4:3 And every spirit that _____ not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that *spirit* of antichrist, whereof ye have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world.

24. **Confessing Christ Determines Your Salvation:**

Mt 10:32 Whosoever therefore shall _____ me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven.

But whosoever shall _____ me before men, him will I also deny before my Father which is in heaven.

25. **Confession of Christ and Salvation:**

Ro 10:9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the _____ Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved.

10 For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto _____.

11 For the scripture saith, Whosoever believeth on him shall not be _____.

Ro. 10:13 For whosoever shall _____ upon the name of the Lord shall be _____.

14 How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

26. **Responsibility to Preach Christ:**

Ro. 10:15 And how shall they preach, except they be sent? as it is written, How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of _____!

27. **Faith Comes by Hearing the Word of God:**

Ro. 10:17 So then faith *cometh* by hearing, and _____ by the _____ of God.

Ro 9:33 As it is written, Behold, I lay in Sion a stumblingstone and rock of offence: and whosoever _____ on him shall not be ashamed.

28. **Confess Your Personal Experience with Jesus:**

1Jo 1:3 That which we have _____ and _____ declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship *is* with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

1Jo. 1:1 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have _____ upon, and our hands have _____, of the Word of life;

2 (For the life was manifested, and we have seen *it*, and bear witness, and shew unto you that eternal life, which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

29. **Many are ready for the Harvest:**

Jo. 4:35 Say not ye, There are yet four months, and *then* cometh harvest? behold, I say unto you, Lift up your eyes, and look on the fields; for they are white _____ to harvest.

36 And he that reapeth receiveth wages, and gathereth fruit unto life eternal: that both he that soweth and he that reapeth may rejoice together.

37 And herein is that saying true, One soweth, and another reapeth.

38 I sent you to reap that whereon ye bestowed no labour: other men laboured, and ye are entered into their labours.

30. Philip Opened His mouth:

Ac 8:26¶ And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert.

Ac 8:29 Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot.

Ac 8:30 And Philip ran thither to *him*, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest?

Ac 8:31 And he said, How can I, except some man should _____ me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him.

Ac 8:34 And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man?

Ac 8:35 Then Philip _____ his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and _____ unto him Jesus.

Ac 8:37 And Philip said, If thou _____ with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I _____ that Jesus Christ is the Son of God.

Conclusion: We are to be living witnesses both in our life and in our conversations. We must tell others what God has done for us and we must also specifically tell them of the life, teachings and sacrifice of Jesus Christ no matter what the cost.

Are you willing to sacrifice for Christ and be His witness?

Dear Lord, please help us to witness to everyone that we can knowing that it is a life and death issue. In **the Name of Jesus we Pray. Amen.**