

**ARE YOU
WITNESSING
FOR CHRIST?**

JOHN 1:43-46

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43 The day following Jesus would go forth into Galilee, and findeth Philip, and saith unto him, Follow me.

44 Now Philip was of Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter.

45 Philip findeth Nathanael, and saith unto him, We have found him, of whom Moses in the law, and the prophets, did write, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph.

46 And Nathanael said unto him, Can there any good thing come out of Nazareth? Philip saith unto him, Come and see.

Introduction

- A. We all tell others when good things happen to us**
- B. Sharing our faith is telling others what good thing Christ has done in our lives**
- C. Sharing our faith means that Christ is *REAL* to us**
- D. Some don't share their "faith" because they don't possess it**
- E. Others don't share because they are unsure or have not been taught how**

I. The Purpose For Witnessing (1:43)

A. God wants all to be followers of Him

2 Peter 3:9

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

B. Christ came and died to fulfill God's purpose

2 Timothy 1:9

Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began,

II. The Priorities for Witnessing (1:45)

A. We should want to share the Gospel

1 Corinthians 2:2

For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified.

Acts 20:20-21

20 And how I kept back nothing that was profitable unto you, but have shewed you, and have taught you publicly, and from house to house,

21 Testifying both to the Jews, and also to the Greeks, repentance toward God, and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

II. The Priorities for Witnessing (1:45)

B. We are commanded to share the Gospel

Mark 16:15

And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature.

Acts 1:8

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost 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.

III. The Preparation for Witnessing

1 John 3:3

And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure.

A. We should not hide the treasure of the Gospel in us

2 Corinthians 4:6-7

6 For God, who commanded the light to shine out of darkness, hath shined in our hearts, to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

III. The Preparation for Witnessing

B. We need to be vessels of honor

2 Timothy 2:20-21 - But in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and of silver, but also of wood and of earth; and some to honour, and some to dishonour. If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work.

2 Corinthians 7:1 - Having therefore these promises, dearly beloved, let us cleanse ourselves from all filthiness of the flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

IV. The Practically for Witnessing

A. It shows you are wise

Proverbs 11:30

The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he that winneth souls is wise.

B. It shows your love for God

Daniel 12:3

And they that be wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament; and they that turn many to righteousness as the stars for ever and ever.

V. A Plan for Witnessing

The Romans Road

A. We are all sinners

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

B. We are not good enough to get to Heaven

Romans 3:10

As it is written, There is none righteous, no, not one:

**C. Our sin keeps us from the glory of God, which is
Heaven**

V. A Plan for Witnessing

D. The physical consequence of sin is death

Romans 5:12

Wherefore, as by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned:

E. The eternal consequence of sin is spiritual death or eternal separation from God.

Romans 6:23

For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

V. A Plan for Witnessing

F. God loves us so much that He sent Jesus Christ to die for our sins to offer Heaven as a free gift.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

V. A Plan for Witnessing

G. To receive the gift of eternal life we must

- 1. Confess that we are sinners**
- 2. Ask God to forgive our sins**
- 3. Accept and trust Jesus as our eternal Savior and Lord**

Romans 10:9-10

9 That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord 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 salvation.

V. A Plan for Witnessing

H. The choice and invitation to receive Jesus as your Savior is yours.

Romans 10:13 - For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

Are You Saved?

Are You Sharing?