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WITNESSING:



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The Sympathizing Christ

- **"Before evangelism can ever be a program, it must be first a passion…if we are to witness for Christ successfully, we must honestly care for people" (Sweeting, *How to Witness Successfully,* p. 83).**



WITNESSING IS BEARING TESTIMONY TO…

- In the OT, the concept of testimony relates to the establishment of truth in all affairs of human life, especially in the law court. Persons (Deut 19:15; Prov 14:5) or things (e.g., Gen 31:44, 48, 52) can be witnesses to significant events, such as covenants.
- The NT shares the OT's conception of testimony. It upholds the OT requirement for two or more witnesses (e.g., Matt 18:16; 2 Cor 13:1; Heb 10:28).

TWO WORDS USED IN THE NEW TESTAMENT:

- The verb μαρτυρέω (*martureō, "bear witness")*
- *Refers to giving accurate information about which a person has direct knowledge.*
- This verb refers to speaking or acting to confirm information about oneself or others.

μαρτυρία

- The noun μαρτυρία (*marturia, "testimony/witness")*
- Someone who gives testimony about something, or the content of the testimony.
- John the Baptist (John 1:7),can be identified as "a witness.
- Acts 1:22; 22:15

WHAT WITNESSING IS ALL ABOUT…

- Witnessing is about sharing with people your personal encounter with God.
- A whole city was turned around by the testimony of one man to whom Yeshua (Christ) said to go home to his friends and tell them what great things the Lord had done for him.
- This man went through the entire city telling people how much God had done for him.
- John 4

POWER OF PERSONAL EXPERIENCE





"Christ's method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Savior mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them 'Follow Me'."

Ministry of Healing, p. 143

THE TRUTH ABOUT A TESTIMONY…

- Next to the word of God, a soul-winner's testimony is the most powerful tool he has.
- Testimony is the powerful tool of evangelistic conquest.
- It is not important to introduce yourself by a denominational name, it might raise a barrier of prejudice.
- Do not argue with people in reference with the Gospel.

DEALING WITH ARGUMENTS:

- Debates are won with arguments but souls are won with love.
- The only way to win an argument is to avoid it.
- The best way to avoid an argument is to preclude it, to anticipate the objections that the prospect may have, and answer these objections in a tactful and kind way before he raises the objection.

CONTINUES…

- When the prospect makes a statement that is obviously intended to create argument we can always say, you know, I find your viewpoint interesting.
- I have met others who felt the same way.
- Or you can say I'm glad you said that.
- There are many who want to know what they must do to be saved.

CLEAR EXPLANATIONS…

- People want a plain and clear explanation of the steps requisite in conversion to especially make plain the way that sinners may come to Christ and be saved.
- It is okay to make mistakes because we learn from those mistakes.
- Perfection can't be born in the absence of mistakes.

REFLECTIONS ON ARCHIVES…

- "Blundering members who are working are to be preferred over perfect preachers who are not putting members to work" – EGW @ General Conference Session in Minneapolis, on October 23 1888.

TAKE NOTE:

NB: when you want to introduce a study, you can ask questions that will seek to reveal just how much the prospect knows about it, instead of you wanting to show the prospect just how much you know about the subject.

- Don’t feel obligated to know the scripture references for the portions of the Bible you refer to.
- It isn’t necessary to quote them verbatim.
- Just state in your own words what the Bible says.
- This is what Jesus and the apostles did and it was very effective for them as it will be for us.

- It is a good practice to ask the prospect's permission to ask questions.
- We can also solicit his consent now and then to continue with the gospel story.
- Several times throughout the presentation ask your prospect his opinion on a point that you have just referred to.

- It will capture his interest and keep him moving with you and it will help you better to know him and his needs.
- Avoid at all costs making critical comments of other pastors or denominations, even if the prospect asks your opinion and indicates his prejudice, which might be in agreement with your own.

- To this you can respond by saying: well you know, I don't think we can pass judgment – then continue with your presentation.
- No matter what happens, make your exit pleasant.
- If the prospect has been difficult and rejected the gospel, remember that he has not rejected you and he may yet receive Christ in the future.


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