

WITNESSING

Jesus said, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you” and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen” (Matthew 28:19-20). In Matthew 5:14-16 Jesus said, “Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on an hill cannot be hid. Neither do men light a candle, and put in under a bushel, but on a candlestick; and it giveth light unto all that are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven.”

Luke stated that Jesus when commissioning the church said: “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you:” as a result of such action the church was to be “witnesses unto me [Jesus] both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth” (Acts 1:8).

The facts are undeniable: As Christians we are commanded by Scripture to be a witness to other people. Even if you don’t know what to say, can’t answer all the questions, or don’t remember the appropriate Bible verses, the Holy Spirit will use what you say to build His case.

Never underestimate the power of the Spirit. You may feel inadequate, but He is infinitely adequate. In a court of law, the attorneys take the testimony of each witness and builds their case around it. Some of the testimony that the attorneys hear may be irrelevant to the case, however, the attorneys take those pieces of the testimony that are relevant to build their case. In like manner, the Holy Spirit takes your testimony and applies it to the hearts of others.

For the Holy Spirit to use your testimony there must be integrity in your life that makes your testimony credible. For example: Jesus said, “The scribes and the Pharisees sit in Moses’ seat [in other words they act as teachers of the law]: All therefore whatsoever they bid you observe, that observe and do; but do not ye after their works: for they say, and do not” (Matthew 23:2-3). The scribes and Pharisees were hypocrites, their witness was not with integrity, and therefore, their testimony was not credible.

As witnesses of Christ, it is our privilege and responsibility to testify of Him. We must not remain silent, and we must be credible in our life. How long has it been since you shared the saving message of Jesus Christ with your family and friends? How long has it been since you tried to get someone to come to church with you? Paul said to young Timothy: “Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions [hardships] of the gospel according to the power of God” (2 Timothy 1:8). It is our duty to witness and desire that others be saved.