

# W

# Witnessing

Lesson Commenced: \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Checked: \_\_\_\_\_

Without any doubt, the greatest and most notable difference between apostolic New Testament Christianity and present-day New Testament Christianity is **witnessing!** The early churches were **most** noted for their witnessing of Christ – many 20th Century churches are characterized by their **lack** of witness.

In this lesson you will learn that it is God's will for you to witness and be a soul winner for Him. You will also learn **how** to be a soul winner; that is, how to lead someone to Christ.

All the other lessons you have studied and learned through this series will have been greatly diminished in value if your life does not bear fruit.

---



---

## WHAT DOES "WITNESSING" MEAN?

---

- A. A witness in a courtroom trial is expected to tell what he knows, what he has seen, or what he has heard. He cannot tell what others have said – he must relate his own personal experience in his own words.

Witnessing for the Lord Jesus Christ is the same. It is **YOU** telling in **YOUR** own words what happened to **YOU**.

- B. Read the story of how Jesus healed the blind man in *John 9:1-38*.
1. When questioned by others, do you think this man was able to give a detailed explanation of what had happened? \_\_\_\_\_
  2. What was this man able to say? See: *John 9:25b*. "One thing I know, \_\_\_\_\_."
- C. Read the story of how Jesus won a woman to Himself in *John 4:5-30*. What was the first thing this woman did when she realized she had actually met Christ? (*verses 28-30*) \_\_\_\_\_
-

---



---

## ARE "WITNESSING" AND "SOUL WINNING" THE SAME THING?

---

- A. You will often hear these two words used — they are both Bible words.
1. WITNESSING = relating your own personal experience of salvation.
  2. SOUL WINNING = using your witness and the Word of God to bring others to salvation.
- B. You cannot separate witnessing and soul winning.
1. *John 15:8* — "Herein is my Father glorified, that ye \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_."
  2. *Proverbs 11:30* — "The fruit of the righteous is a tree of life; and he  
that \_\_\_\_\_ is \_\_\_\_\_."

---



---

## WHY SHOULD YOU BE A WITNESS AND A SOUL WINNER?

---

Here are nine Bible reasons why *YOU* should endeavor to tell others of Christ and seek to win them for Him .

You ought to win souls because:

A. It Is A Command.

Look up: *Acts 1:8*. "...and ye \_\_\_\_\_ be witnesses..."

B. It Is A Duty.

Look up: *Matthew 4:19*. "F \_\_\_\_\_ Me, and I will make you  
\_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_."

C. It Is A Debt.

Look up: *Romans 1:14*.

1. Paul said, "I am \_\_\_\_\_ ..."
2. The gift of salvation is free, but a **moral debt** exists for us to tell others.

D. It Is A Responsibility.

Look up: *Ezekiel 3:17,18*.

1. In a real sense, God has made you a W \_\_\_\_\_ .

2. The duty of a watchman is to W \_ \_ \_ those in danger.
3. When we fail to tell others of Christ:
  - a. The wicked man shall die in his \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .
  - b. God will require his \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ at your hand.

E. It Is A Calling.

Look up: *II Corinthians 5:20*.

1. Each believer is called an \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .
2. This is a very important position to be entrusted with.

F. There Is A Need.

Look up: *Mark 8:36*. Why is soul winning so important? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

G. There Is A Reckoning.

Read: *II Corinthians 5:10,11a*.

1. One day you will stand before your Lord at the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .  
 \_ \_ \_ \_ . (This is a judgment of **how** you serve the Lord.)
2. What was Paul's motivation for persuading men? \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_

H. It Is Caring.

1. So much of today's caring centers on the physical needs of man. Real, godly caring focuses on the **eternal** needs of a man.
2. Look up: *Psalms 142:4*. This verse expresses a real tragedy — "...no man \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ for my \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ."

I. It Brings Joy.

1. Look up: *Acts 8:5,8,35,39*. There is **JOY** on the part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .
2. Look up: *Luke 15:7,10*. There is **JOY** on the part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .
3. Look up: *Psalms 126:5,6*. There is **JOY** on the part of \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .

---

---

## IS WITNESSING THE DUTY OF EVERY CHRISTIAN?

---

- A. Some people have it in their minds that witnessing and soul winning are to be the duty of the pastor, the deacons, the Sunday School teachers, or those with the "gift of gab."
- B. The Bible clearly shows it is for *EVERY* Christian to be a witness.
1. *Psalm 107:2* — "Let the \_\_\_\_\_ of the Lord \_\_\_\_\_"  
\_\_\_\_\_
  2. *Acts 8:4* — "Therefore \_\_\_\_\_ that were scattered abroad \_\_\_\_\_ everywhere \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_."
  3. Look in *Acts 8:1*. Did this group of people referred to in *verse 4* include the apostles (pastors)? \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

## HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU WITNESS?

---

According to *Acts 5:42* and *Acts 20:31*, the apostolic New Testament Christians testified of Jesus Christ \_\_\_\_\_

---

---

---

## WHAT ARE GOD'S REQUIREMENTS FOR YOU TO BE A WITNESS FOR CHRIST?

---

- A. God Requires You To Have A Burden For Souls.  
Read: *Esther 8:6*; *Romans 9:1-3*; and *Romans 10:1*.  
As you read these Scriptures, ask God to burn their message upon your heart. Most Christians don't witness and win souls because they have no real burden.
- B. God Requires You To Have A Love For Souls.
1. Read: *Jude 21,22*; *II Corinthians 5:14a*; and *Psalm 126:5*.
  2. It was **love** that sent Jesus Christ into this sin-cursed world to die on the cross (*John 3:16*) — and it is **love** that will motivate you to bring Christ to the lost.

C. God Requires You To Live A Clean, Separated Life.

1. Read: *II Timothy 2:21; Jude 23; and Philippians 2:15.*
2. The saying, "Actions speak louder than words" has no greater relevance than in the matter of soul winning.

D. God Requires You To Be Filled With The Holy Spirit.

1. Read: *Acts 1:8 and Ephesians 5:18.*
2. God's work must be done in God's way in God's **POWER**.

E. God Requires You To Have Perseverance.

1. Read: *Matthew 22:1-10; I Corinthians 15:58; and Galatians 6:9.*
2. Not everyone will listen. Not everyone will be saved. But soul winning is one task in which God **PROMISES** success.
3. *Psalm 126:6* – "...shall D \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ come again..."

---

---

## **FOUR STEPS TO A SOUL WINNING WITNESS.**

---

---

The most common illustration of soul winning found in the Bible is that of a "plant."  
See: *Psalm 126:6; Matthew 13:3-9; John 4:35-38; and I Corinthians 3:6-8.*

There are several steps to be undertaken before getting a harvest:

### **STEP #1 – GO**

No farmer reaps a harvest apart from a lot of preparation and hard work.  
You will **NEVER** win a soul for Christ without this preliminary step!

- *Psalm 126:6* – "He that \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ forth..."
- *Mark 16:15* – " \_ \_ ye into all the world and preach..."
- *Acts 5:20* – " \_ \_ , stand and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ ..."

This lesson will be useless to you unless you determine in your heart to take this first step in reaching a precious soul.

#### **HOW MAY I "GO"?**

- A. Our Church has set times of "visitation" when people go out into the community to do either of two things – knock on doors to invite people to the services (gain prospects), or visit in homes of prospects (to win them).

- B. All visits are conducted on a two-by-two basis — and a young or inexperienced Christian is teamed up with a mature and experienced Christian. You learn as the “silent partner.”
- C. In addition, you need to sit down and make a list of people in your own circle of influence who are lost — relatives, neighbors, friends, work mates, etc. They are all going to spend eternity somewhere. Then begin a plan of action to witness to them and win them to Christ.

## STEP #2 – SOW

You may need to go out of your way to help somebody. You may have to invite someone into your home for a meal. You may have to win the confidence and trust of a person first - but before they can be saved, the seed **must** be sown.

- *Psalm 126:6* — “...bearing precious \_ \_ \_ \_ \_”
- *Luke 8:11* — “...the seed is the \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_.”
- *1 Peter 1:23-25* — This Scripture says the incorruptible seed is \_\_\_\_\_

It is absolutely imperative that you use the Bible when witnessing and leading a soul to Christ. The salvation of a soul is the work of God (not you); thus you need to use the “**weapon**” of God.

**Warning!!** You cannot expect fruit if you plant corrupted seed. (Be sure to use only the pure, Authorized, King James Version of the Bible!)

According to *Ephesians 6:17*, the Sword of the Spirit is the

\_ \_ \_ \_ \_ of \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ .

It is unnecessary for you to use logic, philosophy, theology, or salesmanship when it comes to soul winning. **God’s Word works!!**

### HOW MAY I “SOW” ?

- A. Get into the habit of carrying sound Gospel tracts with you — in your pocket, your purse (ladies), your car. Leave a tract with those you meet — shop assistants, garage attendants, friends. Leave a tract in the phone booth, on the restaurant table, in the waiting room. Include a tract with every letter you mail. Many have been saved through the silent witness of a tract.

**Note:** Always make sure our Church name and a phone number is on the tract.

**Note:** Be careful not to litter or violate reasonable ordinances by indiscriminate use of tracts.

- B. Invite people to the services of our Church. Don't give up when people at first decline or make excuses. Work on bringing someone with you each Sunday.
- C. Be "soul-conscious." Ask God to help you become aware that everyone you meet is a soul that will spend eternity somewhere. Cultivate the ability to insert some witness into every conversation — share a blessing, a verse, a warning, etc. Don't be pushy or over-bearing, but don't keep silent either.
- D. Learn the "**Romans Road to Heaven.**" This is a plan of salvation taken from the Book of *Romans* in the New Testament. There are many other Scriptures you can use (and you will in time), but this is a good starting point. With these **four** Scripture references you can show a person how to be saved.

- Romans 3:23* — the **FACT** of sin.
- Romans 6:23* — the **CONSEQUENCES** of sin.
- Romans 5:8* — the **REMEDY** for sin.
- Romans 10:13* — the **HOW** to be saved

## STEP #3 — WATER

There must be water before the seed can come up.

- *Psalm 126:5* — "They that sow in \_ \_ \_ \_ \_"
- *Psalm 126:6* — "He that goeth forth, and \_ \_ \_ \_ \_"
- *Acts 20:31* — "...night and day with \_ \_ \_ \_ \_"

This refers to the need for prayer. When you have sown a seed in the heart of someone, pray for them earnestly and fervently until they are saved.

One of the characteristics of a soul winning Christian is a broken and compassionate heart. Many tears are often shed over a lost loved one.

## STEP #4 — REAP

The second greatest joy of the Christian life, after the joy of salvation itself, is the joy of actually leading a precious soul to Christ — to be a kind of "spiritual midwife" and witness the miracle of the new birth. God promises you a harvest.

- *Psalm 126:5* — "...shall \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ in joy."
- *Psalm 126:6* — "...shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his \_ \_ \_ \_ \_ with him."

Have you ever seen a “self-harvesting” plant? No! No crop will ever pick itself. Harvesting requires labor and method.

### HOW MAY I “REAP” ?

- A. Plan to! It’s amazing how many Christians fail to win those they witness to simply because they don’t expect to. Act in faith — take God at His Word, and expect to reap a harvest.
- B. Make certain (by asking questions) that the one you are dealing with fully understands the plan of salvation. Do not proceed to reap if there is no conviction of sin evident or if there is no understanding of what Christ has done. Human nature expects to “work” for salvation. If it is **not** time to reap, **ALWAYS** leave the door open.
- C. Explain carefully that salvation is *BELIEVING*, that this means *RECEIVING* (Christ), and that this is done through a simple prayer.
- D. The “sinner’s prayer” has no set format, but needs to include two important elements — *ACKNOWLEDGMENT* of the facts and *RECEIVING* the Saviour.
- E. After you lead a soul to receive the Lord — pray with him, rejoice with him, encourage him to come to church at the next opportunity. Get others to pray for the new “babe” in Christ, and talk to the pastor about getting him into this “*ABC’s Of Christian Growth*” program.



**ASSIGNMENT #1:**

The opportunity my Church offers me to engage in visitation is on:  
\_\_\_\_\_ (Day) at \_\_\_\_\_ (Time) .

**ASSIGNMENT #2:**

I have set aside copies of our Church brochure for ready use in the following places:

\_\_\_\_\_

I have obtained the following Gospel tracts to use as a means of sowing the seed:

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**ASSIGNMENT #3:**

List two or three people the Lord would have you pray for and make opportunity to witness to in the next four weeks. (Take time to pray before writing.)

\_\_\_\_\_

**ASSIGNMENT #4:**

On a separate sheet, write out your own testimony as though you were telling someone of what Christ has done for you.

A testimony should be divided into three parts:

- Your life before you were saved.
- How you came to be saved, and what you did.
- Your life since you were saved.

I accept that the Bible teaches I am to both witness and seek to win others to Christ. I now dedicate my life to involve myself in this Christian duty, first by seeking to study and memorize the Scriptures, and pray for the lost; then involve myself in the opportunities presented by the Church to train and visit.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_