

YOU SHALL BE MY WITNESSES



To be a witness is much more than being like a witness in a courtroom...

...Much more than talk....

...The word "witness" and "martyr" are identical.

A witness is a life spent....a life offered up.

"You shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem, all Judea, Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Notice, Jesus is not saying, "Try to be a witness." Or "Learn how to be a witness."

***"You shall receive power with the Holy Spirit has come upon you
and you shall be my witnesses...."***

Acts 1

So what is a witness?

A disciple with a gift of gab?

A believer who can work miracles?

A disciple with a "Type A personality"?

A witness to Jesus....

.... Is a person whose life is being transformed by the Spirit into a life like his

.... into the life Jesus describes in the Sermon on the Mount.

When you receive the Spirit and walk in the Spirit, your life becomes an incarnation of Matthew 5, 6, and 7. If this is not happening, you either have not received, or are not obedient to the Spirit.

A life that is:

1. Quick to repent.

"If you bring your gift to the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift at the altar and go. First be reconciled with your brother, then come and offer your gift. (Matthew 5:23-24)

2. Faithful to God in the sexual area.

3. Faithful to God with money.

4. Faithful to God with your mouth. Speak the truth, and don't back it up with oaths.

5. By the Spirit's power you love your enemies and pray for your persecutors.

6. You keep your piety between you and God.

7. By the Spirit's power you seek the kingdom first, and trust God to provide.

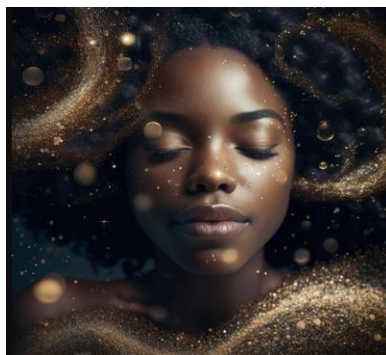
8. You do not judge and condemn.

9. You rely on the Spirit to give you discernment so that you do not cast your pearls before swine.

10. You match your life to your message.

**We witness to the Lord Jesus first with our lives...
... and secondly with our mouths.**

**We soak our minds in his mind,
until we begin to think like he does.**



Begin to pray John 17 until it is seared into your memory....and becomes your heart and life.

You don't learn to be a witness through training and techniques.

You either are a witness or you are not.

It's not how many times you say, "Lord, Lord," but whether you are doing the Master's will.

"Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. On that day many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name, and cast out demons in your name, and do many mighty works in your name?' And then will I declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from me, you workers of lawlessness.'"

"Everyone then who hears these words of mine and does them will be like a wise man who built his house on the rock. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat on that house, but it did not fall, because it had been founded on the rock. And everyone who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house on the sand. And the rain fell, and the floods came, and the winds blew and beat against that house, and it fell, and great was the fall of it."

Matthew 7:21–27

Walk in obedience and you are a witness.



And when it comes time to speak, your words will have the authority of heaven.

The issue is not, how many souls have you witnessed to today?

But....

Have you been walking in the light today in the place where you are?

"This is where I am today. The Spirit of the Lord in me is my light for this day. I will be alert and act on the things I believe he is calling me to do today: to pray for people, to connect with people, to take care of the work and chores of this day."

Prayer: Oh Lord, how we long to be your witnesses. We offer our lives to you. May your Holy Spirit come upon us and empower us so our minds and hearts are so entwined with you that we can't help but be obedient. Bring us to the point that we love you and adore so much that we choose to follow you in every area of our life. And yes, may your words be so seared into our memories that we naturally live them. And may your truth, light, hope, healing, love, and holy power fill us with the authority of heaven so our lives will be a witness to you each day. Amen.

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