The Christian’s Mission - Chapter 7

Summer 2021 Worship Theme Schedule

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*(Suggestions and questions at the end of each* week *refer the reader to some Scripture readings that will add depth to the* message themes. They provide points of discussion in a group setting.)

1. On Mission Where You Are
   1. We are Committed to Personal Witnessing .
   2. The Drag on Personal Witnessing.
   3. Getting the Words Out without Choking .
      1. First we pray for strength to fight against our own inclinations against witnessing. .
      2. A strong devotional life prepares the Christian for sharing what Jesus has done for you.
      3. We practice where we can’t get hurt… at home , church , other Christians .
      4. Take what you have practiced into the world where the rubber meets the road.

# Bible Reading and Study

* + - 1. Examples like Mark 5: 19 remind us what it means to “witness to the Lord”: “***go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you.”*** In the following passages, find and underscore the phrase that means the same as “witness to the Lord”:

John 15: 27 2 Corinthians 4: 13

Acts 1: 8 2 Timothy 1: 8

Acts 4: 20 1 Peter 3: 15

* + - 1. In the following passages see the living witnesses in action. Mark 2: 12; John 9: 8-11; John 12: 9-11; Acts 4: 12-14

How would people know that you give credit to the Lord for your blessings?

* + - 1. The Bible tell us that in the last days the persecution of Christians will increase; yet that will be a call to Spirit-given courageous testimony and witnessing. Read Luke 21: 10-19. Note verse 13. Ask yourself: What special events in the world today are a call to courageous testifying?
      2. Read 1 Corinthians 9:16-23. What was the Apostle Paul’s secret in gaining converts for Christ? How would you translate this into contacts with people today?

# Problems and Projects

1. In light of the above Bible survey, how would you advise Jack and Laura Springer who thought that most every social circumstance dictated leaving ‘personal religion’ out of the conversation?
2. Every Christina has friends, co-workers, relatives, neighbors, business associates who are not Christian. Put these on your missionary prayer list. Use the next opportunity to speak to them. And as you do, think of them when you pray, “Thy Kingdom Come.”
3. How were you lead to Christ? Does this give you a story to tell? What persons were most instrumental in shaping your faith? Personal witnessing uses the times you recount as God having an influence in your life.

Maybe you can do a timeline of your life to help you pinpoint times when prayer (yours or someone else’s), or spiritual hunger were made manifest.

**Thinking It Through For Myself**

1. How does personalizing “what Jesus Means to me” help remove fears in witnessing?
2. why is giving my witness in my own words and my own way more effective? Simpler?
3. What opportunities came to me during this past week? Was I alert to them?
4. Is it my task to convert or only to witness? Whose task is it to convert people to Christ?
5. how is genuine interest in people basic to witnessing?
6. How does my Christina faith support me in the problems and trials of everyday living?
7. What persons should I put on my prayer and personal responsibility list?
8. Are most hindrances to witnessing chiefly psychological?
9. Why does arguing religion usually defeat witnessing to Christ?
10. How will Bible study give me both courage and content for witnessing?