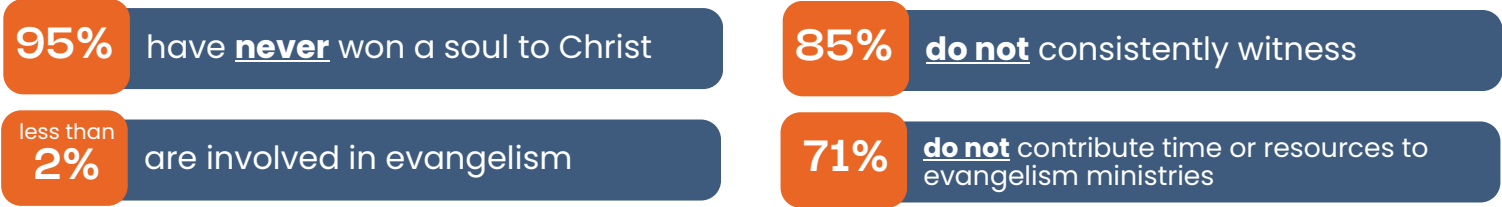


Understanding Your Spiritual Witness

Based on Wednesday Night Bible Study (October 2, 2024) by Dr. Mark A. Ellis, United Christian Faith Ministries

Acts 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

Almost all practicing Christians believe that part of their faith means being a witness of Jesus Christ, however:



Satanic opposition has mounted fervently against the body of Christ and are actively at work against Christians, attempting to weaken our faith and silence our testimony.

We are called to be the witnesses of the victory Christ has won for us and to give evidence of who he is to the world. The power of the Gospel is the transformation and liberation of the human soul. Witnessing is imperative in order for us for us to deepen our spiritual roots.

When God reveals to you who you are, you don't need permission from man to be you.

Ordained by God

The moment you said yes to Jesus and he came into your heart, you were ordained for something.

John 15:16 Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain: that whatsoever ye shall ask of the Father in my name, he may give it you. |

| SCRIPTURE REFERENCES | | |
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| The Call to Witness <ul style="list-style-type: none">Acts 1:8 | The Power of Personal Testimony <ul style="list-style-type: none">Mark 5:18-19 | The Romans Road to Salvation <ul style="list-style-type: none">Romans 3:23Romans 6:23Romans 5:8Romans 10:9-10 |
| The Great Commission <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 28:18-20 | Preparing to Witness <ul style="list-style-type: none">1 Peter 3:15Colossians 4:3-6 | |
| God's Ordination <ul style="list-style-type: none">John 15:15-16 | The Attitude of a Witness <ul style="list-style-type: none">Matthew 9:36 | |

Abba Father,

We come before You with grateful hearts, acknowledging that You have called us to be Your witnesses. Empower us with Your Holy Spirit to be effective witnesses in our local communities and to the ends of the earth (Acts 1:8). Help us to stand firm against the schemes of the enemy, knowing that greater is He that is in us than he that is in the world (1 John 4:4). Give us the courage and wisdom to fulfill the Great Commission; as Jesus commanded, help us to go and make disciples of all nations (Matthew 28:18-20).

We ask that You would sanctify Christ as Lord in our hearts that we may always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks us to give the reason for the hope that we have, with gentleness and respect (1 Peter 3:15). Give us many opportunities to speak (Colossians 4:3); and may our conversation always be full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that we may know how to answer everyone (Colossians 4:6).

We thank You Lord that You have chosen us and ordained us to go and bear fruit – fruit that will last (John 15:16). May our lives and our words be a powerful testimony of Your grace and love.

In the mighty name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

PRAYER

1 Peter 3:15 "But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect."

WITNESSING PREPARATION

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One thing that should always accompany a biblical presentation of the Gospel is a well-prepared personal testimony. Pastor Ellis encouraged us to answer the following three questions to be prepared to share your verbal testimony.

- What my life and attitudes were like before receiving Christ:
- How I realized I needed Christ (Was it at a revival service, regular church service, or elsewhere? What did you ask Christ to do?):
- What my life and attitudes are like after receiving Christ:

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SELF REFLECTION

- What does being a witness for Christ mean to you?
- On a scale of 1-10, how comfortable are you with sharing your faith? Why?
- What are some barriers that prevent you from witnessing more often?

SCRIPTURE STUDY

What do the following verses teach us about being a witness:

- Acts 1:8
- Matthew 28:18-20
- 1 Peter 3:15

PRACTICAL APPLICATION

- What's one step you can take this week to be a better witness?
- Write down at least three people in your life who need to hear about Jesus.