

PERSONAL EVANGELISM #5 - THE POWER OF YOUR TESTIMONY

ACTS 22:1-16

The act of telling others what happened to you in Salvation may be the Christian's most powerful evangelistic tool.

I. ELEMENTS OF PERSONAL EVANGELISM

- A. Many Christians worry about how much Bible they know
 - 1. It is good to know the Bible - 2 TIM. 2:15
 - 2. Learn Bible to "learn" of Him - MATT. 11:29
 - 3. Gossip the Gospel - PROV. 27:17
- B. Personal Evangelism has multiple elements
 - 1. Foundational Bible knowledge (next lesson)
 - 2. Rejection of man-fearing spirit - MATT. 10:28
 - 3. Personal testimony or "witness" (this lesson)
 - 4. An invitation (Prayer, Bible Study, Salvation)
- C. When you don't know what else to say, WITNESS!
 - 1. Be considerate - not always an effective time!
 - 2. If you don't care about them, they won't care about your story. Show the love of Christ!

II. WHAT IS A WITNESS?

- A. Gospel witness preached to all nations - MATT. 24:14
 - 1. It tells the lost what Jesus did and why
 - 2. It was seen by above 500 brethren at once!
- B. We will be in good company (Paul) - ACTS 22:11,15,16
- C. The Gospel witness that testifies - JOHN 3:11
 - 1. Speaks about what it knows (fact-based)
 - 2. Testifies what it sees (eyewitness)
- D. May be disbelieved but cannot be denied - JOHN 9:25

III. BEWARE OF BEING A FALSE WITNESS

- A. Bible condemns lying / false witnesses - MARK 10:19
 - 1. Jesus confirms the Ten Commandments
 - 2. Testimony must agree with evidence (our walk)
 - 3. Chief priests used false witnesses - MATT. 26:59
- B. Simple testimonies in truth vs. amazing story of lies
- C. Every Salvation is an impossible miracle from God!
 - 1. Some got saved "out of" / some got saved "from"
 - 2. Both are equally and eternally SAVED!
- D. Live your testimony in Righteousness - 1 PET. 1:16

CONCLUSION: All truly Saved people have a testimony - the story of how the Lord SAVED you! Be a witness for Jesus!