

Lesson 13: Helping Others To Find Christ

(Part 2)

When you think about speaking of Christ, how do you feel?

- I find it difficult to speak about Christ to anyone.
- I do not speak about Christ unless someone asks me.
- I find it easy to talk to friends about Christ, but not to people I don't know too well.
- I find it easier to talk with strangers about Christ than to close friends and family.
- I often find myself talking to people about Christ, and I enjoy it very much.

Many Christians feel a need to grow in their ability to speak about Christ with others. This is the purpose of this lesson.

Read the following passages:

Psalm 66:16

Acts 4:20

Acts 22:15

What do you see as the key to witnessing in all three of these passages? _____

John 12:42

Why do so many people not speak about Christ? _____

Romans 1:16

What should our attitude be about speaking of Jesus? _____

Check which of the following are good witnesses for Christ.

- "Before I was thinking I could live without Christ. Now I know I need Him more than ever."
- "Ever since I started to go to church I've been getting closer to God. God has really been helping me daily."
- "My church offers a class on the basic teaching of the Bible. I learned so many things about God from it. How about trying it -- with me?"
- "Christ has set me free from so many things that were heavy on me before. Everyone needs to get closer to Him."

In Acts chapter 26 we have one of the many examples of Paul giving a personal witness and testimony of his new life in Christ.

He begins with what his life was like without Christ, before he came to faith in Christ.

He then goes on to tell how he came to know the Lord, and to dedicate his life to Him

He then goes on to tell how his life is after Christ has become his Lord and Savior.

He finally invites the person he is speaking with to come to the Lord.

YOUR STORY

People are attracted to the Lord as they hear and see the difference Jesus has made in your life. They are won as they hear about Jesus' death and resurrection, and how He works in the lives of His people. Paul shared his story of his salvation in Christ whenever he had an opportunity. Sharing how you become a Christian and are growing in the things of the Lord can be a helpful way of presenting Jesus Christ to others. Here are some suggestions.

- 1) Make it personal. Do not preach. Tell what Christ has done for you. Use "I" or "me", not "you."
- 2) Make it short. I should not take much time to cover the facts.
- 3) Keep Christ central. Always highlight what He has done for you.
- 4) Use the Word of God. A verse or two from the Bible will add power to your story. Remember that the Word of God is the power which the Holy Spirit uses to work in people.
- 5) Always pray for the Lord's guidance to help you present Christ to people. He promises to guide your thoughts and words. Be sure to pray for Him to open opportunities and to guide you.

Try to write down your story just the way you would tell it to someone who is not growing in the Lord. Make the story clear enough that the person hearing it will understand the importance of Christ for salvation.

Tell a little about your life before you trusted in Jesus Christ; then tell how you came to know Him and trust in Him. Then tell something of what it has meant to walk with Him, the blessings of sins forgiven, assurance of eternal life, and other ways your life or perspective has changed.

MY STORY

Before I Trusted In Christ

How I Came To Christ

Since I've Trusted In Christ

To conclude, remember that you do not have the power in yourself to convince anyone of spiritual truth. The Holy Spirit convicts the lost of their need to know Christ. You are the instrument of God to plant the seed in the hearts of those not walking with the Lord. As you pray for those with whom you desire to share your story, be sure to ask God to honor the proclamation of His Word, to convince people of their need, and to strengthen you as you share the Gospel.

HOMEWORK

1. Read Acts 26
2. Continue to pray for those that you know who are not walking with the Lord. Pray for opportunities to share the Word of God with them
3. If you have never shared your testimony with someone, pray for an opportunity to do it soon. Take the opportunity that the Lord gives you.
4. Pray (with someone) that because of your witness, many people will be in heaven for all eternity.