

CARING HEART FELLOWSHIP (CHF)

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TOPIC: HOW TO BE AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS – PART 2

TEXT: LUKE 14:16-24

INTRODUCTION

As a child of God, you are to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. You have been called by God to be a witness of His salvation. Your very purpose for existing is to be a witness for Christ.

1. YOU ARE TO BE A WORLDWIDE WITNESS – Matthew 28:19-20, Mark 16:15, Acts 22:15

God has given you the method to follow as you bear witness for Him. – **Acts 1:8**

You are to witness where you are (Jerusalem) and move progressively outward (Judaea and Samaria) until you have a part in reaching the uttermost part of the earth

1. You are to go – personally go – as far as you can
2. You are to give as sacrificially as you can so that others can go.
3. You are to use every method and ministry you can to reach the world.

2. YOU ARE TO BE AN OBEDIENT WITNESS – Acts 5:20,21a; Jeremiah 20:9

Witnessing is often considered to be difficult. The reasons include busyness, tiredness, the fear of facing opposition, ridicule and sometimes persecution.

God's commission to us is to "Go, stand and speak...to the people" **Acts 5:20 –21 (KJV)**

1. "Go" – go now immediately
2. "Stand" – take your stand; stand forth without reservation or hesitation
3. "Speak" – proclaim courageously, boldly, without fear.

3. YOU ARE TO BE A CONSTANT WITNESS – Acts 4:20 1 Peter 3:15; Isaiah 62:6

You must, therefore, proclaim the gospel and proclaim it constantly. You must grasp every opportunity and even make opportunity, to share the gospel. You must never avoid your duty, never neglect or ignore anyone.

4. YOU ARE TO BE A SPIRIT –FILLED WITNESS. John 15:26-27 Acts 5:32

You must trust God's Spirit to convict and convert the souls of people when you share the gospel. Your task is two-fold:-

1. To speak and share the gospel
2. To pray and trust the Holy Spirit to convict and convert the person.

DISCUSSION

- What are some of the challenges faced when witnessing and how do you overcome them?
- Apart from going out for personal evangelism, in what other ways can you support evangelism?