

responded with great enthusiasm, received the Lord Jesus, surrendered his life to Him, and shortly thereafter resigned a very prestigious position as a businessman to go to seminary. He has been a pastor now for over 40 years, training others to touch the lives of many thousands. This miracle of miracles happened because of the Holy Spirit.

A few years later I was speaking to a group of students at a university and was sharing how on one occasion a hundred students came to the Lord. A man came to me and he said, "I don't believe you. I've been a Christian for six months, I witness every day for an hour, I read my Bible for an hour, I pray for an hour, and as I witness other students laugh at me."

I replied, "Let me ask you some questions. Do you understand the ministry of the Holy Spirit?"

He said, "Who is he?"

I said, "Well, let me share some good news with you." .. I explained who the Holy Spirit is, [and] why He came, ... Then we prayed.

Six months later he told me, "I went from that place of prayer with an expectant heart. I prayed, 'Lord, who is going to be first?'"

Remember, he had never led anyone to the Lord in six months of being a Christian. But the first person he came to was one of those who had laughed at him, but this time he received Christ! He went home ecstatic. He could hardly contain himself and wait until the next day. Again he went witnessing and he led another to Christ, and the next day another, and two days later another.

This dear man ended up going to seminary and later went into full time Christian service. The Holy Spirit makes a powerful difference in our lives and witnessing. Without the Holy Spirit we can't do anything, but with Him, all things are possible.

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Witnessing

One day over 50 years ago, as a new Christian, I felt strongly impressed to visit a businessman whom I had met in church a few Sundays before.

I had never witnessed to anyone. I didn't know how to witness. I was scared to death, but God impressed me again and again that I should contact this person and tell him about Jesus. I was fearful that he would laugh at me, make fun of me, criticise me, walk away or any number of tragic things that could happen to me.

But, miracle of miracles, when I obeyed the Holy Spirit, the young man





WITNESSING WITHOUT WORRY MISSED OPPORTUNITIES



There are two 'musts' of the Christian life for us to consider today:

1. To _____ Christ, Matthew 5:3-16

(Ephesians 2:8-10) "For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, {9} not of works, lest anyone should boast. {10} For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them."



2. To _____ of Christ, Acts 2:32, 3:15, 4:20, 5:32, 10:39-41

(Matthew 28:18-20) "... All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. {19} "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, {20} "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age." Amen."

(Acts 1:8) ""But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.""

(Mark 16:15) "... Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature."

(Luke 24:46-49) "... Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, {47} "and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. {48} "And you are witnesses of these things. {49} "Behold, I send the Promise of My Father upon you; but tarry in the city of Jerusalem until you are endued with power from on high.""

(1 Peter 1:8) "whom having not seen you love. Though now you do not see Him, yet believing, you rejoice with joy inexpressible and full of glory,"

(Hebrews 12:2) "looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."

