

Embarrassed, he said yes. He was more uncomfortable with her second question and assured her that he was trying to stop smoking.

When she asked if he loved Jesus, he cleared his throat, glanced around, and whispered that he had been thinking a lot about God lately. This was all the opening Cunningham needed. He was able to explain the gospel to a man who had never heard it clearly before.

Witnessing is having the courage to speak out at the right moment. It's walking through a door of opportunity the Holy Spirit opens for you. It's obeying the command of Christ when an unbeliever is placed in your path.

Finding the courage--overcoming the fear--is in part a matter of loving those whom Christ loved enough to die for. We have experienced for ourselves the love of Jesus, and it has changed our lives. The love of Christ now dwells in us, causing us to see unbelievers through eyes of compassion and to reach out to them with the story of God's love.

Brushing our teeth is important; so is not smoking. Loving Jesus is most important of all. --DE

REFLECTION

- Do I see my classmates and the people I work with as needing the love of Jesus in salvation? Who comes to mind?
- How long since I have asked someone if he loves Jesus? If he has trusted in Christ? Will I tell someone today of His love?

Courage is fear that has said its prayers.



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"Do You Love Jesus?"

Missionary Milton Cunningham made his way through the crowded airplane and found his seat by the window. The middle seat was occupied by a girl with Down Syndrome. Before he was settled, she leaned over to him and asked, "Did you brush your teeth this morning?" A little

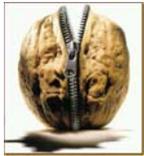
surprised, he assured her that he had.

"Do you smoke?" was her next question. When he told her no, she said that people die of smoking.

"Do you love Jesus?" was her third question. He said yes, and they were still talking about the Lord when a tense, high-powered businessman sat down in the seat by the aisle.

Sure enough. In a moment she asked him if he had brushed his teeth that morning.





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

How to Serve II

In Romans 15:13-16 we have four requirements for every believer as they serve. These are four descriptions of what we are, or should be:

- 1. Be filled with hope,
- 2. Be filled with the Spirit, [last time]

3. Be filled with the _____,
Romans 12:9, 10, 13:8-10, 14:15, 1, 15:7, 14

(2 Timothy 3:16-17) "All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, [17] that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

(Deuteronomy 34:9) "Now Joshua the son of Nun was full of the spirit of wisdom, ..."

(Joshua 1:8) "'This Book of the Law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate in it day and night, that you may observe to do according to all that is written in it. For then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have good success.'"

(Psalms 19:7-11) "The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple; {8} The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes; {9} The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever; The judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. {10} More to be desired are they than gold, Yea, than much fine gold; Sweeter also than honey and the honeycomb. {11} Moreover by them Your servant is warned, And in keeping them there is great reward."



4. Be filled with _____, Romans 15:15-16

3 sources:

◆ God's _____,

(Acts 4:13) "Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. .."

(Acts 9:29) "And he spoke boldly in the name of the Lord Jesus ..."

(Acts 14:3) "Therefore they stayed there a long time, speaking boldly in the Lord, ..."



◆ Gospel _____, Romans 1:16



◆ Spiritual _____,

(1 Corinthians 6:11) ".. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God."

(1 Corinthians 16:13) "Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

(Proverbs 28:1) "The wicked flee when no one pursues, But the righteous are bold as a lion."

(Matthew 10:28) "'And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.'"

(1 Peter 2:9) "But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"

(Acts 4:31) "And when they had prayed, the place where they were assembled together was shaken; and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit, and they spoke the word of God with boldness."

(Matthew 3:7) "... 'Brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come?'"

(2 Corinthians 7:5) ".. Outside were conflicts, inside were fears."

