

The Habit of Way of Life Witnessing

Seven Habits of Growing Christians #7 – Pastor Gary Combs – 10/19/14 – Acts 4:29-31

Why Witness?

- Christ _____ it.
- People are _____ without Christ.
- Christ's _____ compels us.
- It is necessary for our _____.

Witnessing for Jesus should be a _____.

Colossians 1:28 (NLT) So everywhere we go, we tell everyone about Christ. We warn them and teach them with all the wisdom God has given us, for we want to present them to God, perfect in their relationship to Christ.

Acts 4:29-31 (ESV) ²⁹And now, Lord, look upon their threats and grant to your servants to continue to speak your word with all boldness, ³⁰while you stretch out your hand to heal, and signs and wonders are performed through the name of your holy servant Jesus.” ³¹And when they had prayed, the place in which they were gathered together was shaken, and they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and continued to speak the word of God with boldness.

How to grow in the habit of way of life witnessing:

1. _____ for God's movement.

Colossians 4:2-4 (ESV) Continue steadfastly in prayer, being watchful in it with thanksgiving. At the same time, pray also for us, that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ, on account of which I am in prison— that I may make it clear

2. Look for God's _____.

John 5:19 (NIV) Jesus gave them this answer: "I tell you the truth, the Son can do nothing by himself; he can do only what he sees his Father doing, because whatever the Father does the Son also does.

3. Go in God's _____.

Ephesians 5:18 (NIV) ... be filled with the Spirit.

Acts 4:33-34 (NIV) With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all that there were no needy persons among them.

4. _____ God's Word.

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect

Matthew 10:19-20 (NIV) ...do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.