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**SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL  
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SESSION 61: HOW TO WITNESS EFFECTIVELY PART 2**

**THE QUALIFICATIONS OF A WITNESS**

**Colossians 2:6-7** says, *“As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in him: Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught abounding therein in thanksgiving.”*

**A qualified witness is one who is:**

1. **Established in the faith.** To be established in the faith is to be rooted and grounded in God’s Word. Peter said, *“Be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear”.* (**1 Peter 3:15**)
2. **Saved and know it.** I know that I am saved because God tells me so in His word and God cannot lie. We have the:
  - a. Witness of the Spirit (**Romans 8:16**).
  - b. The witness of the word (**1 John 5:13**).
  - c. The witness of saving *faith* *“He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself.”* (**1 John 5:9-10**).
3. **Separated.** Paul said that he was *“separated unto the gospel of God”* (**Romans 1:1-16**). This kind of separation is positive separation and Paul analyzed it as:
  - a. A Holy desire to share spiritual gifts (**Romans 1:11**)
  - b. A holy purpose to bear fruit Romans (**1:13**)
  - c. A holy obligation to pay a spiritual debt Romans (**1:14**)
  - d. A holy eagerness to share the gospel Romans (**1:15**)
  - e. A holy boldness to exalt the cross Romans (**1:16**)

To be separated unto the gospel is to share the good news with the lost. Without being separated, you can have relationship with God, but you cannot have fellowship with Him. You may be united to Him in Calvary but separated from Him in sin (**Isa. 59:1-2**). Without separation, you can have influence without power, movement without achievement; you may try, but not trust; serv, but not succeed; war, but not win. Without separation unto God from sin, your whole Christian life will be “wood, hay, stubble.” The abundant life is made possible by the death, burial and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, and made a reality by being separated unto Him.

4. Filled with the Holy Spirit. **“Be filled with the Spirit”**: (Eph. 5:18). We are commanded to be filled with the Holy Spirit.

Evidence of the Spirit filled life as seen in the early Christians:

- a. They spoke the word of God with boldness (Acts 4:31)
  - b. They witnessed with great power (Acts 4:33)
  - c. They witnessed with great grace (Acts 4:33)
  - d. They shared their wealth (Acts 4:34-37)
  - e. They worshiped in unity (Acts 2:42-47)
  - f. They suffered persecution (Acts 8:1-4)
  - g. They gloried in tribulations (Romans 5:3)
  - h. They sang in prison (Acts 16:25)
  - i. They loved and prayed for their executioners (Acts 7:54-60)
  - j. They rejoiced to suffer shame for His name (Acts 5:41)
5. They were accused of:
    - a. Filling Jerusalem with the gospel (Acts 5:28)
    - b. Turning the whole world upside down (Acts 17:6)
  6. The hundred and twenty Spirit-filled Christians witnessed on the day of Pentecost and the people that heard were:
    - a. Confounded, that is they were mentally arrested (Acts 2:6)
    - b. Amazed, that is they were mentally frustrated (Acts 2:7)
    - c. Marveling, that is, they stood in mental awe (Acts 2:7)
    - d. Mocking, that is some mentally reacted. (Acts 2:13)
    - e. Inquiring, that is some mentally acted (Acts 2:37)

The gospel proclaimed in the power of the Holy Spirit will motivate the hearer to act or react. On the day of Pentecost three thousand acted as evidenced by repentance and baptism into the body of Christ, while others reacted mocking. **No one, not no one**, ignored the witness of those Spirit-filled believers!