

SPIRIT OF LIFE MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL  
MINISTRY SCHOOL  
SESSION 60: HOW TO WITNESS EFFECTIVELY PART 1

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**INTRODUCTION:**

Matthew 4:19 One day as Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two men, Simon, called Peter and Andrew his brother, they were fishermen. ***“And he said unto them, Follow Me and I will make you fishers of men”.***

**Soul winners are made not born.** Therefore, to be an effective witness, you must be taught, trained, and motivated by the power of the Holy Spirit.

Jesus took three years to teach and train His disciples in the art of soul winning. After His resurrection He instructed them to stay in Jerusalem, and “wait for the promise of the Father” (Acts 1:4-8). When the disciples asked Jesus if the time had come for Him to restore the kingdom of Israel, Jesus answered, ***“It is not for you to know the times or the seasons, which the Father has put in His own power. But you shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and you shall be witnesses unto me....”***

On the day of Pentecost, the hundred and twenty received power to witness, and any believer who will acquire the know-how can be an effective soul winner.

They can know that they and the Holy Spirit are a witnessing team. Peter said, ***“We are His witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit, WHOM GOD HATH GIVEN TO THEM THAT OBEY HIM: (Acts 5:32).*** Therefore, when you witness remember that “your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit **which is in you**” (I Cor. 6:19-20).

When you witness trust the Holy Spirit to do three things:

1. **Illuminate the mind of the unbeliever.** All lost souls are in spiritual darkness (II Cor. 4:3-4).
2. **Stir the heart of the unbeliever.** As Peter preached Christ, the listeners, ***“Were pricked in their hearts”*** (Acts 2:37). (pricked: agitate violently ; pierce thoroughly)
3. **Move the will of the unbeliever.** The prodigal returned home when he came to himself and said, ***“I will arise and go to my father”*** (Luke 15:18).

You may be up-to-date in all modern techniques of soul winning, and able to quote the necessary scriptures without a flaw, but if you do not evangelize in the power of the Holy Spirit, your soul winning efforts will be ineffective. Approach this series with an open heart and receptive mind, willing to be made fishers of men.

### **THE IMPORTANCE OF WITNESSING**

**ROMANS 10:13-14** ***“For Whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?”***

Do not take this text out of context. There are three questions in verse 14 that must be considered along with verse thirteen, and they are:

1. **First question, “How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?”**  
**The answer is the lost cannot call on the Lord to be saved until they believe**
  - A. That Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures.
  - B.
  - C. And that he was buried.
  - D. And that He rose again the third day according to the scriptures. (1 Cor. 15:1-4)
2. **The Second question, “How shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?”**  
**The answer is, the lost cannot believe in Him until they hear the good news of salvation.**
  - A. The eunuch had to hear to believe (Acts 8:26-39).
  - B. Paul had to hear to believe (Acts 9:1-18)
  - C. Cornelius had to hear to believe (Acts 10:1-48)
  - D. The Philippian jailer had to hear to believe (Acts 16:25-40)

3. **The Third Question, “How shall they hear without a preacher”** (witness).  
**The answer is, they cannot hear the good news of salvation without a witness.**
- A. Three thousand were saved at Pentecost because the 120 witnessed. (Acts 2:41-42)
  - B. The eunuch was saved because Philip witnessed. (Acts 8:26-39)
  - C. Paul was saved because Stephen witnessed (Acts 7:54-60), and Jesus the God-man witnessed, and Ananias witnessed (Acts 9:1-18).
  - D. Cornelius and his house were saved because Peter witnessed. (Acts 10:44-48)
  - E. The Philippian jailer and his household were saved because Paul and Silas witnessed. (Acts 16:30-31)
  - F. You were saved because someone witnessed to you.

**According to the word of God, the lost cannot be saved without a witness.**

- They must have a witness to hear,
- they must hear to believe,
- they must believe to call,
- and they must call to be saved.

But they cannot call until they believe, and they cannot believe until they hear, and they cannot hear without a witness. **“So then, faith (saving faith) cometh by hearing”** (Romans 10:17).

We are not born with saving faith; it comes only when we hear the gospel. Therefore, it is of utmost importance that every born-again child of God obeys the great commission to evangelize, to GO WITH THE GOSPEL. (Matthew 28:19).