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THE NEXT STEP

THE EXCITING LIFE OF A WITNESSING CHRISTIAN

Acts 1:1-11 Jeff Schreve

How can you be the witness God wants you to be?

1. Know why we witness.

A. Witnessing is the passion of His heart.

"For this I have been born, and for this I have come into the world, to bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." John 18:37

"For the Son of Man has come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19:10

B. Witnessing is the command from His lips.

"Go therefore and make disciples" Matthew 28:19

C. Witnessing is the only hope for humanity.

"And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved." Acts 4:12

2. Know how to witness.

A. Witnessing is done with your life AND your lips.

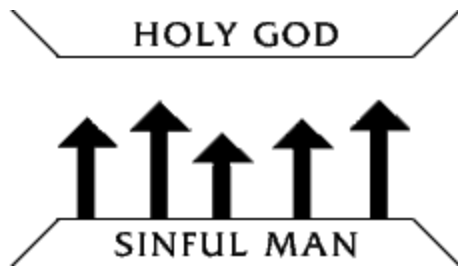
B. Witnessing is done by telling your story with His story.

"Go home to your people and report to them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He had mercy on you." And he went away and began to proclaim in Decapolis what great things Jesus had done for him; and everyone marveled.

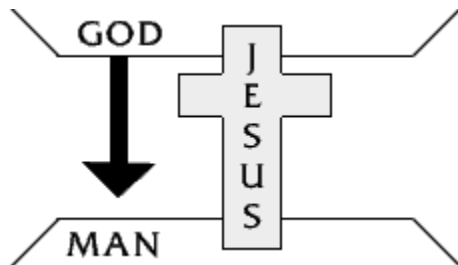
Mark 5:19-20

1. God loves you and created you to know Him personally.

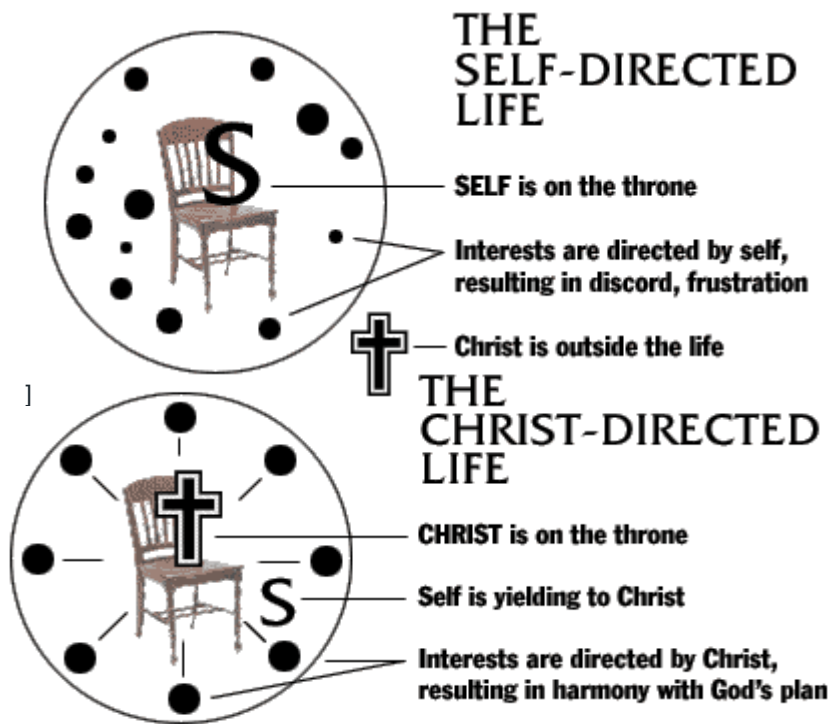
2. Man is sinful and separated from God, so we cannot know Him personally or experience His love.



3. Jesus Christ is God's only provision for man's sin. Through Him alone we can know God personally and experience God's love.



4. We must individually receive Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord; then we can know God personally and experience His love.



C. Witnessing is done in the power of the Holy Spirit.
"He shall glorify Me." John 16:14

3. Know with whom to witness.

"... but you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and even to the remotest part of the earth." Acts 1:8



- A. Witness to people like you.
- B. Witness to people unlike you.
- C. Witness to people far away from you.

What response will you give to the Lord's command?