

The Seven Steps

Witnessing, Part 1

☑ **Target: Learn how to witness!**

Key Verses

Mark 16:15—And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.”

2 Timothy 4:2a—Preach the Word! Be ready in season and out of season.

John 12:32—[Jesus said:] And I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself.

Suggested Bible Reading

☐ Proverbs 1, 3, 8–11, 20

Other Recommended Reading

☐ *One Heart at a Time* (Get Activated! book)

Prayer and Praise: “Help Me to Witness!”

Thank You Jesus for all that You have given me: salvation, the Holy Spirit, Your Word—such a wonderful life full of love! Please help me to “love my neighbors” by witnessing, by sharing You and Your Words with others. Please give me a broken heart for those who do not know You and a desire to reach them.

Help me to have Your love and concern for those to whom I witness, Jesus. I want to show You, not myself, and to speak Your Words, not my own. Help me to put aside my personal problems and care about others, so that I can help others find You. Help me not to be shy or self-conscious, but to let You shine in me and through me.

Thank You Jesus for this high calling to be Your witness. Please help me to obey Your commandment to preach the Gospel to every creature (Mark 16:15).

Meditation: Seven Steps of Witnessing

1. Find someone to witness to
2. Ask questions
3. Listen
4. Give them God’s answers
5. Get a decision
6. Take care of those you lead to the Lord
7. Pray for people

<To think about> *As a comparison, we could say knowing Jesus is like having a cure for cancer. If you had a cure for cancer and didn't tell anyone, if you kept it to yourself and never told the world about it, that would very selfish! Well, you have a cure for more serious and far-reaching diseases than cancer! You know the cure for unhappiness, for loneliness, for rejection, for fear—illnesses that afflict millions or billions of people, a far greater number than cancer has ever touched, or will ever touch. And if you don't share this cure with people, you would be failing God, failing others, and failing yourself. This cure is Jesus, plain and simple! And He does more than cure sickness; He gives forgiveness of sin and eternal life in Heaven to those who receive Him. Don't you want others to know about this?*

Getting to Know the Bible: The Book of Proverbs

Proverbs are wise sayings on how to live, how to behave, how to think, how to speak, how not to speak, how not to behave, what to do, and what not to do. They are useful guides to living. The book of Proverbs was mostly written or compiled by King Solomon, the son of King David, but the book also contains proverbs of other kings and other men. In many of those proverbs, Solomon was repeating the wisdom of the ages, which had been given by God to men down through the ages.

It has often been said that a wise man will learn from experience, but an even wiser man will learn from the experience of others. The book of Proverbs is an excellent place to study this subject of learning from others. "A wise man will hear and increase learning" (Proverbs 1:5). True wisdom is humble and receptive in heart. Proverbs 9:9 says, "Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a just man, and he will increase in learning." Proverbs are helpful guidelines to consider and apply.

This book contains the classic example of the need to be led by the Lord's Spirit when reading and applying the Bible. One verse says, "Do not answer a fool according to his folly, lest you also be like him," and the very next verse says, "Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own eyes" (Proverbs 26:4–5). These two verses are not intended to be contradictory. It's simply that God's Word offers different guidelines to be applied to different situations, and He expects us, by the leading of His Holy Spirit and our overall knowledge of His Word, to "rightly divide the Word of truth" and apply it accordingly (2 Timothy 2:15).

Many people enjoy reading one chapter from the book of Proverbs each day. It fits very nicely as there are 31 chapters, that can correspond to the day of the month. You could read a chapter of Proverbs each day through the month as a little morning or evening devotional study.