

Will a Real Witness, Please Take a Stand!

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Verses and Key Points

Matthew 28:19-20 (NKJV)

The Great Commission

¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen.

What is a "witness"?

n. One who can give a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced; v. To see or know by personal experience

<http://www.thefreedictionary.com/witness>

Romans 3:23

Romans 6:23

2 Peter 3:9

John 14:6

2 Corinthians 5:20

Acts 4:18-20

Jeremiah 20:9

Barriers to Witnessing

Reasons we use *not* to witness

- 1) Our *own* sin
- 2) Too busy (for even church offices)
- 3) Shyness
 - a. Philippians 4:13

- 4) Fear
 - a. 2 Timothy 1:7
 - b. 1 Thessalonians 2:2
 - c. Luke 10:15
- 5) Not really excited by Jesus (other priorities?)
- 6) Thinking nobody wants to hear it, why bother?
 - a. Soul-ution is found in Jesus!
- 7) Frustration
 - a. 1 Corinthians 3:6-8
 - b. 1 Corinthians 15:58
 - c. John 4:35-36
- 8) Ashamed
 - a. Mark 8:38
 - b. 2 Timothy 2:8
- 9) Concern over own appearance
 - a. 1 Peter 2:9
- 10) Too Young
- 11) Belief that you are not good enough or know enough
 - a. 1 John 5:10
 - b. Desire of Ages, Ch.25
 - c. Great Controversy, pg. 10
 - d. Acts 4:13
- 12) Laziness
 - a. Roman 12:11

Matthew 9:38 (NKJV)

³⁸ Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest."