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Day 35 - Monday, April 15, 2019

Be Ready

Scripture:

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear;
(1 Peter 3:15 – NKJV)

Devotional Reading:

The motto of the Boy Scouts of America is: *Be Prepared*. Every scout is taught from the very beginning of the importance of using every skill and ability that is natural or learned in preparation for any given situation. The Apostle Peter gives a similar admonition to the church summarized by two words: *Be Ready*.

Be ready for what? Be ready to give a defense or explanation to everyone who inquires why you have hope for the future and what it is that you believe that is the basis for such hope. Are you ready? Are you ready to defend your faith to everyone who asks you what you believe and why you believe what you believe?

To be ready begins with you having a special place in your heart for God and God's mission to the church – to evangelize. Then our defense must always be presented with humility and respect.

Be ready to share your testimony. Be ready to share your faith. Be ready to share the Word of God. Be ready to encourage others with a sense of hope for the future.

Be a Witness!

Day 36 - Tuesday, April 16, 2019

Ambassadors for Christ

Scripture:

Now then, we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ's behalf, be reconciled to God.

(2 Corinthians 5:20 - NKJV)

Devotional Reading

You have diplomatic credentials. As a born-again Christian, you are an ambassador for Christ. It is your right. It is your responsibility. It is your mission.

An ambassador defined is: an authorized representative or messenger. So it follows that an ambassador for Christ is one who represents the message of Christ. Christ's message is "I have come to seek and save the lost", "I have come that they might have life and that they might have it more abundantly".

You are authorized to share the message---that is the gospel message. The message extends beyond simply living the abundantly life. It is also the message of reconciliation with God. When you are able to share with others that God's desire is that no person be estranged from his grace, then you are spreading the gospel of love and reconciliation.

Live up to your mission as an ambassador to Christ. Someone is waiting to hear from you.

Be a Witness!

Day 37 - Wednesday, April 17, 2019

Jesus: The Way to Salvation

Scripture:

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me.

(John 14:6-27 - NKJV)

Devotional Reading

A young minister was preparing to deliver his first sermon. He asked his pastor to pray for him but his mother quickly interjected, "There is no need to pray now---but soon as you preach, the sooner you get to Jesus, the better off you'll be."

When sharing the Gospel, it is imperative that the story of Jesus is told. To be sure, testimonies and the sharing of life's experiences are valuable---but the sooner you get to Jesus, the better off you'll be.

There is no salvation without Jesus. His name means to deliver, to rescue, and to save. Jesus declares, "I am the way." Follow him and invite others to do the same. Jesus proclaims, "I am the truth." Trust him and encourage others to trust in him. Jesus says, "I am the life." The best life you can live is living in the way and truth of Jesus the Christ. Share this truth. Make it plain. Be passionate and watch God work the miracle of salvation again, and again and again.

Be a Witness!

Day 38 – Thursday, April 18, 2019

You Have the Power

Scripture:

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”

(Acts 1:8 - NKJV)

Devotional Reading

The proof of having the indwelling of the Holy Spirit is not determined by whether or not you speak in tongues or perform miracles. Rather, the proof of the indwelling is when you demonstrate the power to become a witness. This power is the gift of God and every Christian believer has this power.

You have the power to be a witness. Open up the Bible and witness. Open up your mouth and witness. Post on Facebook, Insta-gram or Twitter. Use your phone, your pad, your electronic device. You whatever you can to harness the power of the Holy Spirit and you can become a witness.

Without the Holy Spirit, there is no witness. With the Holy Spirit, your witness can reach the world (in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth).

There is the Holy Spirit. There is power. There is you. There is witnessing.

Be a Witness!

Day 39 – Friday, April 19, 2019

Witnessing Results in Spiritual Growth

Scripture:

“...that the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.

(Philemon 6 - NKJV)

Devotional Reading

Something special, something spectacular, something sobering happens when you witness. It is because the moment you begin to share with the unchurched or the unbeliever, the Holy Spirit's presence in concert with Jesus praying for your success; converge with your witness to change hearts and minds for eternity's sake.

A true marker of Christian maturity is when you become a witness. When you witness there is no consideration of the mundane, silliness or that which does not matter. The only concern is that the witnessing party is surrendered to the prompting and control of the Holy Spirit and that the witnessed to party senses the bidding of God to surrender her or his life to Jesus.

When you witness, your faith is bold. When you witness your faith is resolute. When you witness you open the door to the possibility that *“the sharing of your faith may become effective by the acknowledgment of every good thing which is in you in Christ Jesus.*

Your witness confirms your maturity in the faith!

Be a Witness!

Day 40 – Saturday, April 20, 2019

My Weekly Prayer Journal

Today, my prayer for others is:

Today, my prayer for family is:

Today, my prayer for my church is:

Today, my prayer for my community is:

Today, my prayer for myself is: