

Personal Practice: Giving Testimony and Witness

Picture This

Supplies:

- Bible
- Camera
- Poster board or other way to display photos
- Journal (optional)
- Computer or other means of printing photos

Read 2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18.

We can trust in God for our future. Imagine what the world would be like if everyone knew God’s love, trusted in God, and lived a life of care for the whole creation. Try to use the medium of photography as a way of witness.

Spend time in prayer or meditation so that you might be open to God. You will be taking pictures either inside or outside that represent how we as a people interact with God today. Also, choose images that represent what it might be like if tomorrow we woke up and everyone trusted in God and was living a life of caring for the whole creation. Be creative—the images need have meaning only for you. You can explain them later. If working with a group, decide on a plan to take the pictures. Will you take them individually or together? When you have finished taking pictures, create a poster to express and/or contrast what you witness today and what you hope for tomorrow. Some will be self-explanatory, while others will require a caption or even a full explanation. Share with one another.

- Where did you see God while doing this activity?
- What did you learn that was expected?
- What did you find that was unexpected?
- In your part of the world, how are we doing as a people?
- How did you think this activity was a witness to God’s presence and activity in the world?

Say a prayer for the future. Thank God for the ways we are moving on the right path, and ask God to be a guide for continuing on the path to the future that is full of God’s love.

