

# “HOW TO WITNESS WITH CONFIDENCE”

## Acts 1:8

There are five simple truths to remember which will give you much confidence in sharing your faith in Christ.

### I. PRAY UP!!

Spend time alone with God-conversing with Him. Colossian 4:2-6 “Devote yourselves to prayer...” (v.2a)

A. Pray FAITHFULLY (v. 2a “Devote...”) “Keep on devoting...”

- Acts 1:14

B. Pray INTELLIGENTLY (v. 2b “...keeping alert in it...”) “be watchful”

- I Peter 5:8

C. Pray THANKFULLY (v. 2c “...with an attitude of thanksgiving.”

- I Thessalonians 5:18

D. Pray PURPOSEFULLY (vv. 3-4)

1. Pray for AN OPEN DOOR FOR THE GOSPEL (v. 3a “...pray...that God may open up to us a door for the Word...”)

- I Corinthians 16:9

2. Pray for A CLEAR DELIVERY OF THE GOSPEL (vv. 3b-4 “...that we may speak forth the mystery of Christ...that I may make it clear in the way I ought to speak.”)

- II Corinthians 3:12

### II. STUDY UP!!

Spend time reading, studying and memorizing Scripture. Luke 24:44-49 esp. v. 45 “...He opened their minds to understand the Scriptures...that repentance for forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in His Name...” Learn a basic gospel presentation.

A. ROMAN ROAD

1. Sin’s REALITY (Romans 3:23)

2. Sin’s PENALTY (Romans 6:23)

3. Sin’s REMEDY (Romans 5:8; 10:9-10, 13)

B. BRIDGE TO LIFE/CWT (ETERNAL LIFE)

1. God’s PURPOSE (John 3:16; 10:10)

2. Our PROBLEM (Romans 3:23; Isaiah 59:2)

3. God’s REMEDY (Romans 5:8; I Peter 3:18)

4. Our RESPONSE (Romans 10:9-10, 13; John 1:12; Acts 16:31)

### III. STAND UP!!

Take a stand for God’s Word (the Bible) and with God’s people (the Church), knowing what you believe and why. Acts 2:14 “But Peter, taking his stand with the eleven raised his voice and declared...”

A. Involves CONSECRATION (A personal DEDICATION from the heart).

- Joshua 3:5

B. Involves CONVICTION (A personal DETERMINATION about what’s right and wrong-especially related to salvation).

- II Timothy 1:12

C. Involves COMMITMENT (A personal DEMONSTRATION through actions).

- Matthew 5:16

### IV. SPEAK UP!!

Purpose in your heart to be a verbal witness in spite of the perceived outcome-Just do it!! Acts 18:9-11, esp. v.9 “Do not be afraid any longer, but go on speaking and do not be silent...” (Notice the Lord’s encouragement to Paul when the people “resisted” the gospel-v. 6).

A. Don’t be AFRAID (v. 9a “Do not be afraid any longer...”).

B. Don’t be SILENT (v. 9b “...go on speaking and do not be silent.”).

C. Don’t feel ALONE (v.10)

D. Don’t GIVE UP (v. 11 “...he settled there a year and six months...”)

### V. WAIT UP!!

Know when to be still and leave the results to God. Sometimes you can say too much-or too much at a time. I Corinthians 3:6 “I planted, Apollos watered, but God was causing the growth.”

A. We need to be quiet. WHEN WE’VE SAID ALL WE KNOW TO SAY

- Colossians 4:5-6

B. We need to be quiet. WHEN THE PERSON IS OBVIOUSLY NOT UNDER CONVICTION.

- John 6:44

To witness with confidence....

1. PRAY UP! 2. STUDY UP! 3. STAND UP! 4. SPEAK UP! 5. WAIT UP!