

“Calling People Higher”

*Part 5: Betterment through Being a
Witness*



We grow through making and keeping
commitments.

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When should I witness?



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1) When I am questioned about my faith.

...If someone asks about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.—1 Peter 3:15 (NLT)

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2) When circumstances create an opportunity.

When they heard this sound, a crowd came together in bewilderment, because each one heard them speaking in his own language. Utterly amazed, they asked: “Are not all these men who are speaking Galileans? Then how is it that each of us hears them in his own native language?

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...Then Peter stood up with the Eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: “Fellow Jews and all of you who live in Jerusalem, let me explain this to you; listen carefully to what I say.—Acts 2:6-8, 14 (NIV)

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3) When the Holy Spirit positions me as his representative.

The Spirit told Philip, “Go to that chariot and stay near it.”—Acts 8:29 (NIV)

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**How should I go
about witnessing?**



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1) Graciously.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect....-1 Peter 3:15-16 (NIV)

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2) Boldly.

But Peter and John replied, “Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God’s sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”—Acts 4:19-20 (NIV)

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3) Naturally.

*The woman left her water jar beside the well and ran back to the village, telling everyone, “Come and see a man who told me everything I ever did! Could he possibly be the Messiah?”—
John 4:28-29 (NLT)*

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“When you are arrested, don’t worry about how to respond or what to say. God will give you the right words at the right time. For it is not you who will be speaking—it will be the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”—Matthew 10:19-20 (NLT)

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“In preparing for battle I have always found that plans are useless, but planning is indispensable.”—
General Dwight Eisenhower

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4) Supernaturally.

“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”—Acts 1:8 (NLT)

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What should I include in my witnessing?



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Two stories:

1) God's story.

1) My story.

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[Cardboard testimonies video]

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The story of God's work in your life:

- Before I became a Christian.
- How I realized I needed Jesus.
- When I received salvation.
- How I know Jesus is in me now.

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Why should I be a witness?



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1) It's good news.

The man who had been freed from the demons begged to go with him. But Jesus sent him home, saying, “No, go back to your family, and tell them everything God has done for you.” So he went all through the town proclaiming the great things Jesus had done for him.—Luke 8:39 (NLT)

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2) It is God's plan to redeem the world.

*The Spirit and the bride say, "Come."
Let anyone who hears this say,
"Come." Let anyone who is thirsty
come. Let anyone who desires drink
freely from the water of life.—
Revelation 22:17 (NLT)*

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