

“Primetime (6): ‘Just Walk Across the Room’”

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❖ Acts 8:26-40

❖ Seven Essential Principles for an Effective Witness:

- Principle #1—Be _____ impressions and promptings.
 - Ask yourself what you think _____ wants for this individual—to be saved or lost?
 - “For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was _____.” (Luke 19:10)
 - *Christ’s Object Lessons* 196: “At the foot of the cross, remembering that for one sinner Christ would have laid down his life, you may estimate the value of a _____.”
 - You may be one of a _____ of “witnesses” that God is needing to slowly but surely open up that individual to the influence of the Holy Spirit and the gospel of Christ.
 - Witnessing may not be your gift, but it certainly is your _____ as a follower of Christ.
 - God has not made us all _____—but he has called us all to be _____.
 - Bill Hybels: “God made you exactly as you are. He wired you and gave you the temperament and the experience and the background that you have because he wanted someone just like *you* in this world right now. Today. In *this* generation. Memorize all twenty-four verses of Psalm 139 if you have to, but don’t lose sight of the intentionality God poured into his blueprint for you.” (*Just Walk Across the Room* 84, 85)

- Principle #2—Be willing to _____ the road or room.
 - You have no idea where this will go, but if you don’t _____, you’ll never know.
 - Hybels: “The Spirit living inside him caused him to feel such compassion for the man standing alone that he excused himself from his Circle of _____, made the turn to the other side of the room, and started walking in the direction of a place I call the ‘Zone of the _____.’ . . . [H]e had resolved in his heart, probably praying every step of the way, to enter into the Zone . . . and see what God might do. (In my opinion, it’s within this zone that God does his very *best* work.)” (23)
 - “The same devotion, the same self-sacrifice, the same subjection to the claims of the Word of God, that were manifest in the life of Christ, must be seen in the lives of his [witnesses]. He left his home of security and peace, left the glory that he had with the Father, left his position on the throne of the universe. He went forth, a suffering, tempted man, went forth in solitude, to sow in tears, to water with his blood, the seed of life for a lost world. In like manner his [witnesses] are to go forth to sow. The warning message is to be carried to all parts of the world.” (RH, November 23, 1905)

- Principle #3—Be _____ the initiative.
 - _____ are a very effective way to gain someone’s attention and open up a conversation.

- Witnessing is not about your ability—it's about your _____.
- Principle #4—Be prepared to _____.
- Witnessing is also _____ “the good news about Jesus” (v 35) with someone who is seeking to understand _____ more clearly (v 31).
- Even _____ can be witnessed to, so that they discover deeper truths about _____ in the Bible, truths they never knew or studied before.
- “Always be prepared to give an _____ to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have” (I Peter 3:15 TNIV).
- “Christ desires to use every _____ as His agent.” (YRP 215)
- Luke 12:11, 12 NLT—“Don't worry about what to say in your defense, for the Holy Spirit will teach you what needs to be said even as you are _____ there.”
- Principle #5—Be mindful of the _____ of that moment and conversation.
- Principle #6—Be _____ on the ultimate goal of every witness—the salvation of the individual through _____ into Christ.
- “God might have committed the message of the gospel, and all the work of loving ministry, to the heavenly angels. He might have employed other means for accomplishing His purpose. But in His infinite love He chose to make us co-workers with Himself, with Christ and the angels, that we might share the blessing, the joy, the spiritual uplifting, which results from this unselfish ministry.” (*Steps to Christ* 79)
- Principle #7—Be ready to turn right around and _____.
- “O God, today I offer to You my life and my witness—_____ to me or _____ me to someone who needs to know Jesus and His truth. Amen.”

Jesus: “You will be My witnesses”

Open to the Spirit's, Jesus, lost, soul, long line, role, evangelists, witnesses, walk across, go, Comfort, Unknown, ready to take, Questions, availability, answer a question, sharing, Scripture, Christians, Jesus, answer, student, standing, context, focused, baptism, do it all over again, send, send