

## A DISCIPLES WITNESS

John 15:8

**Christians talk a lot about witnessing, but what is A Disciple's Witness.**

In **John 15:8** Jesus tells us, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples."

*The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language* defines the word witness as - *One who can give a firsthand account of something seen, heard, or experienced.*

Regarding a Christian's witness, this means we are to give an account of what we have seen, heard, or experienced, concerning our Lord Jesus Christ. We are to tell people about Jesus and what He did for us personally, as well as all mankind. But this is only one half of our witnessing, the other is living according to God's principles and commands. When we do both, they will result in what Jesus calls, fruit. Jesus also says that God the Father is glorified when we bear much fruit.

**The last part of the verse tells us that the fruit we bear proves that we're Jesus' Disciple.**

So, we let the world know that we are disciples by our love for one another, and we prove we're disciples by the fruit that's produced from our witness in the world. Too many people stress over witnessing, but this is not something we have to strive to produce, nor can we do it on our own. It's something God does through us. When Christ is the center of our life, we have that seed for fruit in our lives. When we're grounded in His Word, that seed is fertilized, and when we are in fellowship with God's people, the weeds are pulled. Then as we live godly lives, the Holy Spirit can also produce fruit within us!

**What Does This Fruit Within Us Look Like?**

**Galatians 5:22-23** - <sup>22</sup> But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, <sup>23</sup> gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law.

**When Christ is the center of our lives, and we're in the word, praying, and in fellowship with other Disciples, these things start growing in our lives.**

This is when we truly start learning to love and to be loved. Believe it or not, our patience will also start growing and there will be joy and peace. The results will be, treating people better, trusting God more, acting more like Jesus, and people will notice we're different. They will see something in us they haven't seen before; it will attract them, and they will want to know what it is. And that leads to the best fruit of all, new believers in Jesus Christ and new disciples. All because of what Jesus is doing in you. That is what produces the fruit that lasts.

**Be Prepared to give a Reason For Your Hope In Christ.**

**1 Peter 3:15** - 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;

**If someone asks you, "What's going on in your life?" How would you respond?**

Many believers have never anticipated this. Scripture tells us to be ready, to always be prepared to tell people what's going on in us. In the Old Testament this was required by God, **Leviticus 5:1** - 'If a person sins in hearing the utterance of an oath, and is a witness, whether he has seen or known of the matter--if he does not tell it, he bears guilt.

In the Bible we have God's promises and commands, therefore, we have seen or known, so if we don't talk about them we will bear guilt for our sin.

**If they asked you how to know Jesus, what would you do, what would you say?**

Remember, Jesus wants His church to be a place where we make disciples who in turn make disciples. **Matthew 28:19-20** - <sup>19</sup> Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you;

First, we need to go and bring them to the saving knowledge of Jesus. Then once they accept Jesus, we need to baptize them in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Finally, we need to teach them to obey all that Jesus has commanded. Now, we may not be able to do all of this ourselves, that's why we have the church. Regardless of the size of the church, Jesus has given every church everything it needs to fulfill its function, if everyone is following Jesus as they should.

**In Ephesians 4:12** - the Apostle Paul tells us that Pastors are called, for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

In other words, a Pastor's primary job is to teach the Word of God and equip his people. To prepare them for leading someone they love and trust to the Lord. Over the years there have been many processes taught to help make it easier for people to follow. I have used various ones over the years, but I mostly stick with the Faith Presentation or a condensed version of the Roman Road.

**However, today I want to give you the Roman Road as listed in the MasterLife training. Remember, this is not the only way to help someone come to know Jesus.**

But it is a good one, and it's easy to use. If you are following along in your Bible, keep in mind that I am using the New King James Version. I have also provided a handout for everyone, but it might help to highlight the verses in your Bible to make it stand out as you show them to others.

## ***The Apostle Paul's Roman Road To Salvation***

### ***1<sup>st</sup>, God's Salvation is Available to Everyone.***

**Romans 1:16** - For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

### ***2<sup>nd</sup>, God Loves You and Wants You to Turn to Him.***

**Romans 2:4** - Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

### ***3<sup>rd</sup>, But We've All Sinned and Missed God's Standard.***

**Romans 3:23** - for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,

### ***4<sup>th</sup>, God made a Way for Sinners—Through Jesus.***

**Romans 5:8** - But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.

### ***5<sup>th</sup>, We Deserve Death for Our Sins but We Have Forgiveness and Life Through Jesus.***

**Romans 6:23** - For the wages of sin *is* death, but the gift of God *is* eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### ***6<sup>th</sup>, Confess and Believe for Salvation in Jesus.***

**Romans 10:9-10; 13** - <sup>9</sup> that if you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For with the heart one believes unto righteousness, and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation. <sup>13</sup> For "*whoever calls on the name of the LORD shall be saved.*"

### ***7<sup>th</sup>, When we Confess and Believe We are no longer Condemned.***

**Romans 8:1** - *There is* therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

### ***8<sup>th</sup>, Finally, we give ourselves to God and Let Him Transform our Lives.***

**Romans 12:1-2** - <sup>1</sup> I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that you present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, *which is* your reasonable service. <sup>2</sup> And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what *is* that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.

### ***If you don't want to mark in you Bible, you can put this in you Bible.***

You can fold it up and put it in your purse or wallet. You can even memorize it. But whatever you do, be prepared and ready, then remember to trust Jesus for the rest.