

Equipped to Witness

Text: Matthew 29:19-20 | Acts 1:8

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I. EACH BELIEVER IS EQUIPPED WITH A STORY TO TELL

1. One's story is about one's salvation experience that brings one into a relationship with God.
2. The relationship requires obedience.
3. The command requires us to witness. (*Mt. 28:19; Acts 1:8*)
4. Witnessing allows us to share our personal testimony of who God is and what God has done in our lives. It gives us a story to tell. Example: Paul (*Acts 22:1-15*)

II. EACH BELIEVER IS EQUIPPED WITH THE POWER TO PERFORM (*Acts 1:8*)

1. The Holy Spirit's power is received at the time of salvation.
2. The Holy Spirit's power is a prerequisite for witnessing.
3. The Holy Spirit's power gives all believers strength and ability to witness.
4. The Holy Spirit orchestrates witness opportunities.
5. The Holy Spirit is the one that works within the believer and unbeliever to bring about the salvation of a soul.

III. EACH BELIEVER IS EQUIPPED WITH A MESSAGE TO SHARE

1. The message is the message of the cross.
2. The message of the cross reveals God's justice.
3. The message of the cross reveals God's love. (*John 3:16*)
4. The message of the cross reveals God's purpose. (*Eph. 2:11-18; Col. 1:20-22*)

IV. EACH BELIEVER IS EQUIPPED WITH THE PRESENCE OF CHRIST (*Mt. 28:20 – "Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world."*)

1. The presence of Christ gives us comfort.
2. The presence of Christ gives us confidence.