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A FOURFOLD WITNESS

Text: Acts 8:26-31
Intro. In this passage we see how God leads and directs His man and His people in witnessing to others. His will is that we visit and witness for Him. The Lord invites us, instructs us, instills in us, and inspires us to give witness of His salvation. There are four distinct ways that you can witness to people for the Lord.

I. YOU WITNESS WITH YOUR LIFE.

A. By living righteously.
1. We are to live godly and righteously in this world. Tit. 2:12
2. We are to present our bodies as living sacrifices. Rom. 12:1
3. We are to seek God's kingdom and His righteousness first. Matt. 6:33
4. We are to follow His example. I Pet. 2:21

B. By repenting of known sin.
1. God's people can and do sin against Him. I John was written to saved people.
3. Sin hides God's face and breaks our fellowship with Him. Isa. 59:1,2
4. The Lord demands that we confess our sins and repent of them. I John 1:9
5. The Lord is just and faithful to cleanse us of all sin.

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C. By acting like a member of the royal family.
   1. We are new creatures in Christ Jesus. II Cor. 5:17
   2. We are heirs of God and joint heirs with Jesus. Rom. 8:17
   3. It is becoming for the children in a royal family to act like royalty.
   4. We are to live differently. We are to live like or as Jesus would live. Owning Christ as Saviour demands a different way of life.

D. By rejoicing.
   1. Paul admonishes us to rejoice always. Phil. 4:4 We are to rejoice in the person and promise of Jesus.
   2. You can harm your witness by complaining, grumbling, griping. You can do this about the weather, bills, high cost of living, circumstances, etc.
   3. We can rejoice in the Lord even when we can't in our circumstances.

II. YOU WITNESS WITH YOUR LOVE.

A. God's love.
   1. God's love is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Spirit. Rom.5:5
   2. God is love and He instills His love in those He redeems. I John 4:8;5:1
   3. God's love is personified in John 3:16. The proof, power, and person of His love is Jesus Christ. John 3:16
   4. Paul pointed out ways in which God's love is manifested in I Cor.13:1-8

B. Gospel love.
   1. The gospel is defined in I Cor. 15:1-4
   2. Paul declared the power of the gospel in Rom. 1:14-16.
   3. Paul was dedicated to proclaiming the gospel of Christ. He lived and breathed to declare the person, plan, power, pardon, and provisions of the gospel.

C. Glory love.
   1. Paul described what God desires to do for lost sinners in one word, GLORY.
   2. We will appear with Christ in glory. We are partakers of His glory. Glory will be revealed to us.
   3. Paul admonishes us to, "SET YOUR AFFECTIONS ON THINGS ABOVE..." Col. 3:2
   4. When heaven is your mind it will transform your life. Abraham looked for city whose builder and maker was God.

III. YOU WITNESS WITH YOUR LANGUAGE.

A. Praising Him.
   1. The 146-150 psalms begin with, Praise the Lord.

B. Pardoning others.
   1. We are to be kind tenderhearted, and forgiving toward others. Eph. 4:32
   2. We are to forgive others. 70 x 7. Matt. 18:22
   3. Many a witness has been ruined because God's own people do not forgive others of their sins.
   4. Matt. 6:9-12 teaches us God forgives us as we forgive others.

C. Proclaiming the truth.
   1. We are to believe and accept the truth of God's Word. II Tim. 3:16,17
   2. We are to contend for the faith. Jude 3
   3. Standing forth the truth on drink, drugs, morals, and righteous living is definitely a witness.
   4. Daily we are given the opportunity to speak the truth so desperately needed by our world today.

D. Protest against sin.
   1. The best most effective way to protest against sin is to live according to God's Holy Word.
   2. David hid God's Word in His heart to prevent sin. Psa. 119:11
   3. It is said of Enoch, Noah, Job, etc. that they were perfect and upright. Job 1:1
   4. We need to tell truth to this generation in love.

IV. YOU WITNESS WITH YOUR LOYALTY.

A. Loyalty to Christ.
   1. Christ must come first in our daily lives. Matt. 6:33
   2. We are to live unto Him who died for us. II Cor. 5:14,15
   3. In decisions, determinations, and dedications Christ must be first.
   4. Christ is Lord IN ALL or not at all.

B. Loyalty to commandments.
   1. God’s Holy Word is inspired and profitable. II Tim. 3:16,17
   2. God's Word is truth. John 17:17 Test all of your experiences and feeling with the truth.
   4. God's Word is a law unto the saved. Stand by the God of the Word and the God of the Word will stand by you.

C. Loyalty to Church.
   1. We are to give glory to God in one of His churches. Eph. 3:21
   2. We are to not forsake the assembling
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3. We can take part in the glorious work of Jesus Christ in one of His churches.
4. Witnesses are ruined by lack of church attendance.

Con. These are four ways we can give our witness to the World that we are saved and Jesus makes a difference in a person's life.

FIVE SERIOUS FACTS

Raymond Howard

Text: Matt. 7:13, 14

Intro. These are words spoken by Jesus in the sermon on the mount. He pictures the road to hell as broad and the gate was wide. This picture a great majority of people traveling it. The way to heaven is narrow and the gate straight. It is narrow because there is only one way to get there. John 14:6; 10:9 The broad way to hell includes many ways. Every way that man has turned to except the Lord Jesus Christ is included in the broad way.

I. ALL WILL NOT BE SAVED.

A. Matt. 13:41, 42
   1. All things that offend. Persons by whom others are drawn into error or sin.
   2. Verse 43. Those that have been saved by the grace of God.
   3. Whose ears to hear, let him hear. Take the warning that Jesus gives here.

B. Two kinds... Weeper that weeps and gashes his teeth.
   1. Those who are right with God.
   2. All will not be saved.

C. Matt. 19:24, 25 The disciples asked Jesus who can be saved?
   1. Verse 26 Jesus points out that salvation is in God.
   2. It is impossible for man to save himself or others, but not with God.

D. All will not be saved. Which group will you be in?

II. THE MAJORITY WILL BE LOST.

A. Look at the days of Noah.
B. Think of China with almost a billion people and the great majority have never heard about Jesus.
C. Think of the United States with over 200,000,000 and the majority have left Jesus out of their lives.
D. We need to open our eyes, the majority do not travel the gospel way.

III. MANY WILL ETERNALLY PERISH IN THE LAKE OF FIRE WHO EXPECTED TO BE SAVED.

A. Matt. 7:21, 23 I believe this is the saddest fact of all. Somebody misled them.

B. Example. Matt. 7:26, 27. The house is built on the sand.
   1. As long as sun was shining all was well, but the storm came and it fell.
   2. Just being a church member looks good in life, but not to die by.

C. On Christ the solid rock I stand... All other foundation is sinking sand.

D. I never knew you. Matt. 7:23

E. I John 5:1 "Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ is born of God.

F. Story of a young man that was going to another state for awhile and said, When I get back I will get saved. He never got back, he died.

IV. THERE IS NO SALVATION AFTER PHYSICAL DEATH.

A. Couple that was paying a Catholic priest to pray their little girl out of purgatory. He said, All was out except her hands and it took more money.

B. Jesus said, There is a great gulf fixed.

C. Cannot pass from one to the other. Impossible.

V. TODAY MAY BE YOUR LAST OPPORTUNITY TO BE SAVED.

A. You will say, I will some other time.
   1. The Bible says: "Blot out thyself of tomorrow."
   2. The Bible says: "Now is the accepted time, behold now is the day of salvation."

B. I want to end this message with a note of urgency. Why?
   1. Life is so uncertain.
   2. Jesus may come back.
   3. The Holy Spirit may cease to strive with you.

Christian Wives

Text: I Peter 3:1-4

I. THE COMMANDMENT.
   A. The command-subjection
   B. The concern-lost husbands
   C. The conversation-daily conduct

II. THE CONVERSATION.
   A. The beholding-others observe
   B. The behaviour-chaste
   C. The belief-fear or respect

III. THE CAUTION.
   A. The Care-appearance
   B. The caution-spiritual fitness.
   C. The contrast-flesh and spirit
IV. THE COMMUNION.
   A. The spiritual-adornment
   B. The Spirit-meek & quiet
   C. The sight of God-pleasing God.

Humility-Thinking Sanely about Yourself
Maxie Haynes

Text: Rom. 12:3; Phil. 2:1-9

Introduction:
   A. Vertical produces a Horizontal
   B. Evaluation of Self
   C. Estimation of Self
      1. Self-exaltation
      2. Self-deprivation
      3. Self-abnegation

I. DEATH TO SELF-CENTEREDNESS. Phil. 2:1-4
   Humility is an expression of death to self and yieldedness to Christ...Honest
   christians can not be humble and self-centered at one and the same time.
   A. Corporation of one another.
   B. Appreciation of one another.
   C. Consideration of one another.

II. DEATH TO SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS. Phil. 2:5-9
   A. Self-Conscious reputation.
   B. Self-Conscious occupation.
   C. Self-Conscious dedication.

DON'T SETTLE FOR LESS
Don Shultz

Text: Gen. 3:22-24

Intro. If you had the finest home money could buy, an expensive luxury car, excellent health, a large sum of money, would you be satisfied? Not likely. Have you in your lifetime carelessly lost something? Through neglect you no longer have it and you long for it's return, willing to give just about anything to get it back? Would you settle for less when having it again looked hopeless? You probably would.

I. WOULD YOU BE SATISFIED?

Employees of Clint Murchinson, A Dallas multi-millionaire, were once discussing just how much Clint had. A grumpy truck driver joined in on the conversation saying, "I have more than Clint Murchinson has." They looked at the hourly employee and laughed at him. "Why, if you missed one pay check, they would put you in jail. How can you say you have more than Clint Murchinson?"

The truck driver replied, "I have all I want, Clint doesn't. He wants more."

A. This describes the majority of people. Regardless of how much they have they want more.
   1. Adam and Eve are examples. They had it all: paradise, tree of life, personal relationship with Jehovah God, what more could they want?
   2. Yet they were convinced that God was withholding something from them. They wanted more.

B. Let's take a look at ourselves.
   1. We often fret, complain, accuse, feel sorry for self.
   2. Matt. 6:28 Lilies do not have the superior advantages that we possess.
   3. They cannot plow, plant, mold, nor bring under obedience the forces of nature as man is able to do.
   4. Yet God cares for them, sustains them, clothes them.

C. Matthew 6:28 forbids us to be anxious or distressed or perplexed as we face the future.
   1. We can depend upon God.
   2. We trust God for the great things in life; salvation of soul, a home in heaven.
   3. Why do we not trust Him for the lesser things in life: food, shelter, clothing etc.?

D. Divine mercy exceeds divine justice.
   1. Before God expelled man from paradise He covered man's shame and promised him a Redeemer.
   2. God is interested in you. He is interested in you spiritually. He is concerned about your physical life.
   3. We have so much: salvation, security, a place to serve, all the promises of God. What more could we want?

II. ARE YOU WILLING TO SETTLE FOR LESS?

A. After the fall, man became a sinner. He is depraved. He has enmity toward God. He is a dying creature.
   1. He has nothing in common with God. God is sinless, man is a depraved sinner.
   2. God is eternal, man is a dying creature.

B. Fellowship between God and man has been broken. There is now a great chasm between them.

C. Yet, man would have been pleased to live forever in that state.
   1. God put a Cherubim and a flaming sword to guard the tree of life.
   2. Were it not for the angel at the gate of paradise, man would have returned, eaten of the tree of life, and lived in his fallen, rebellious state forever.

C. When Jesus came to the world, man saw His
power to heal disease, raise the dead, multiply loaves and fish.
1. He was about to force Jesus to be his king.
2. They wanted Jesus to be King without Calvary.
3. They desired a spiritual soup line. If someone contacted a disease, their King could heal them. If a citizen died, their King could raise them from the dead. If he needed food, his King could multiply what he had.
4. They were pleased to be as they were, depraved sinners who were alienated from God. They wanted to live forever in that state. They were willing to settle for less.

III. IF YOU COULD LIVE FOREVER ON EARTH, AS YOU ARE, WOULD YOU ALSO WISH TO?
A. Man longs to regain paradise.
B. He cannot in his present condition.
C. Adam offered sacrifices at the East gate of Eden. He was well aware that the only way to regain paradise was through the seed of the woman, Jesus Christ, the Son of God, who would purchase his salvation through His sacrifice.

Conclusion: Don't settle for less. There is only one way of salvation. Matt. 7:13, baptism Eph. 4:5, true church, Matt. 16:18, way of worship John 4:24, and way to serve. Gal. 6:10

SHINING FOR JESUS

Joe Stevens

Text: Matt. 5:14-16
Intro. We are all aware of the two great universal lights, the sun and moon, but are we aware of the third great light, God's people. The sun and moon are important to the world and so are God's people. As clouds sometimes shadow the heavenly lights, so too, clouds in our lives sometimes dispel the radiance of God's light in us. In reality, Jesus is the source of the light and we are the reflectors. When the reflectors are tarnished the light cannot be reflected in all of its radiance and beauty. Therefore it is imperative that we keep our lives clean and clear of sin.

I. THE NEED FOR SHINING FOR JESUS.
A. Because of the darkness of sin.
1. The whole world is lost in the darkness of sin.
2. Sin blinds the mind and heart.
3. The true light that shines in darkness is the only hope this world has.
B. Because of the darkness of despair.
1. This world is full of dark clouds of despair. There are political, social, material, and personal clouds.
2. Only the light can penetrate the

clouds. He is the hope of mankind. Without Him there is no hope.

C. Because of the darkness of deception.
1. The devil, who is the prince of darkness is also the prince of deception.
2. God's people must let their lights shine to shed light on the deceptive methods of the devil.

D. Because of the darkness of ignorance.
1. Many good people are groping in darkness because of ignorance.
2. Many don't know God because those who have the light have not revealed Him.

II. THE PURPOSE FOR SHINING FOR JESUS.
A. To drive out the darkness.
1. Where light enters darkness flees.
2. When the power of God is evident, sin disappears.
B. To reveal plainly the truth about Jesus.
1. His person.
2. His purpose.
3. His plan.
C. To influence and direct others to the "True Light."
D. To warn of the danger of death and destruction.

III. THE METHOD FOR SHINING FOR JESUS.
A. Remove all that would defuse the light.
1. Impurities of the flesh.
2. Bitterness and guile.
3. Envy and strife.
4. Hypocrisy.
B. Position yourself to give off the best radiance. Put your light on a candlestick, not under a bushel.
C. Feed your light with the power from God.
1. Stay close in prayer.
2. Study God's Word.
3. Worship and serve.

IV. THE DURATION FOR SHINING FOR JESUS.
A. Until He comes or removes us.
1. Never go out.
2. Never give out.
3. Always show out.
B. If our light is not shining for Jesus, we are of no benefit to Him in this world.

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PEACE IN JESUS WHILE IN THE WORLD

Text: John 16:33

Intro.

A. Believers are in the world on Purpose and assignment.
1. We are Ambassadors of Christ to this world.
2. We are open letters to be known and read of all men. II Cor. 3:2
3. We are spectacle unto the world, and to angels, and to men. I Cor. 4:9
4. We are lights to a crooked and perverse nation. Phil. 2:14-16

B. Believers receive no trophies, applause, nor praise from the world for being godly and Christ like!
1. Often they are misrepresented as being off mentally. Acts 26:24b
2. Often they are victims of satanic inspired tribulation of one sort or another.
3. We are not to be disturbed by such. John 15:18; James 1:1,2

C. Believers have inside One who is greater than all the forces of hell itself. I John 4:4

D. The God of peace will never let you down. Phil. 4:19; II Cor. 9:8

I. THE MAN OF PEACE LIVES IN THE BELIEVER.

A. Jesus is the Prince of peace. Isa. 9:6

B. On the night of His entrance into the world a heavenly host praised God, saying, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth Peace, good will toward men."

C. Eph. 2:14

D. Peter in the home of a gentile, Cornelius..."The word which God hath sent unto the children of Israel, Preaching Peace by Jesus Christ."

E. He demonstrated His power to give peace as He spoke to the storm at sea. Mark 4:39

F. He who spoke peace to the sea can also speak peace to the Sin-Wrecked soul!
1. King Hezekiah's testimony. Isa.38:17
2. Jesus to sinner. Luke 7:50
3. Jesus is the way to peace with God. II Cor. 5:18; Rom. 5:1

G. The peace of our texts is for daily living, in whatever situation or circumstance life may bring upon us!

1. Jesus left His peace in us. John 14:27
2. He spake it to the disciples in the upper room...for fear of the Jews. John 20:19

II. THE MEANS OF PEACE!

A. There is peace in believing. Rom. 15:13
B. There is peace in knowing.
1. "These things have I spoken...that in me ye might have peace." Chapters 14-16 speak of Mansions in the Father's house, a special place for you, I will return. Another Comforter, the love of the Son and the Father, Full joy, fruitful life, and answered prayer.

C. There is peace in communion with Jesus.
1. David found peace in God's House. Psa. 73:16,17

D. There is peace in contemplation. Isa. 26:3; Psa. 1:2; 63:5

E. Prayer is a means of peace. Phil. 4:6,7

III. THE MEASURE OF PEACE.

A. The measure of our peace is according to the Measure of our faith in God.
1. Paul's assurance was based on the "Whom I have believed." II Tim. 1:12
2. Paul's confidence and peace in time of storm was based on God. Acts 27:22
3. Think with me of Scriptures which when we believed give peace of mind. Matt. 6:33; II Cor. 9:8; Rom. 8:28

B. The measure of our peace is according to the depth of our abiding in Jesus.
1. John 15:7
2. Phil. 4:13
3. "In me ye shall have peace."
4. He is the great source of peace to those who keep their mind's eye on Him. Isa. 26:3

C. The measure of our peace is according to the depth of our knowledge of Jesus.
1. One learns of Jesus by reading, hearing the Word.
2. One learns Jesus by getting into the YOKE with Him. Matt. 11:29; Getting in the FURNACE OF FIRE. Dan. 3:25; Getting our FEET WET. Matt. 14:28-31

D. The measure of our peace is according to the measure and sincerity of our prayer life.
1. Prayer is a time of Praise.
2. Prayer is a time of Petitioning the Lord.
3. Prayer ought to be a time of PROMISE to the Lord. Examples: Jacob, Jonah, and Hannah.
4. Prayer is a time of COMMITTING our way to the Lord. Matt. 6:10; Luke 23:46; Psa. 37:5
The Reason for Private Devotions

Text: Deut. 8:1-3

Intro. I will be emphasizing the need we all have, as God's people, for a time of private devotion.

A. I'll be emphasizing "private" devotions because, I feel, they present to us the greatest potential for personal growth.

B. In fact, I think you'll find that your public worship and family worship will become more meaningful and worthwhile when you can be alone with the Lord and His Word.

I. BECAUSE IT IS VITAL TO SPIRITUAL CONSTITUTION.

A. Private devotions are vital in beginning the growth process.
   1. I Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby."
   2. God has built into every child at birth that insatiable desire for the very thing by which it begins the growth process.
   3. Likewise, He has instilled within every newborn child of God an insatiable hunger for the milk of His Word, "that they may grow thereby."

B. Private devotions are vital in continuing the growth process.
   1. The Psalmist recognized this need in Psalms 119:28
   2. Notice what Paul writes in Hebs.5:13,14
   3. I like milk! There's nothing like it! But, I also know that I must include meat, vegetables and fruits in my diet to sustain my physical constitution. The initial purpose of milk was to begin the spiritual growth process; but, the meat of the Word is needed to continue the process.
   4. So, the first reason why God's people need a time for private devotions is because it's vital to spiritual constitution (make up).

II. BECAUSE IT IS VITAL TO SPIRITUAL CORRECTION.

A. The psalmist recognized this. Psalms 119:9

B. The Lord recognized this. John 15:3

C. The apostle recognized this. Hebs. 4:12
   1. Private devotion is an ideal place to make personal application of God's Word for spiritual correction.
   2. This is yet another reason why private devotions are so important to God's people: because it's vital to spiritual correction.

III. BECAUSE IT IS VITAL TO SPIRITUAL COUNSEL.

A. The psalmist recognized this. Psalms 119:169; Psalms 73:24

B. The apostle recognized this.
   1. II Tim. 3:16, "All scripture...is profitable...for instruction in righteousness."

IV. BECAUSE IT IS VITAL TO SPIRITUAL CONFLICT.

A. It's those times of private devotion that equips us for all of our spiritual conflicts.
   1. There'll be a conflict with the flesh the world, and the devil and our quiet times in the Word will equip us for the conflict.
   2. Eph. 6:17, Paul says with victorious confidence, "...the sword of the Spirit...is the Word of God."

B. It was those times of private devotion that equipped our Saviour for His times of spiritual conflict.
   2. As Man, Christ depended on the Word of God and the Spirit of God to give Him victory in His spiritual conflicts and He was successful because He was a Man who meditated upon the Word of God.
   3. The Sword of the Spirit is the Word of God and the ideal place to consume it is in times of private devotion.

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THE GOD OF ALL COMFORT

Gene Yates

Text: II Cor. 1:3

Intro. What a delightful title that is. If there was ever a day when people need comfort it is now. How foolish it is for men to turn away from the source of all comfort that is found in God's precious Book. They try to find that which will give rest to their hearts and satisfaction to their minds in things that do not really profit. Have you noticed how the entire trinity, God the Father, God the Son, God the Holy Ghost are all presented to us in the ministry of comfort. Here it is, the Father, that is specially in view, blessed be God, even the Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.

I. THE COMFORT OF FORGIVENESS.

A. You remember the woman who came to Him so distressed and troubled? She had a life of sin and evil behind her.
B. Her heart and conscience so polluted and unclean. But she wept out the story of her sinfulness at the feet of Jesus.
C. And He said to her, "Be of good comfort, thy sins are forgiven thee."
D. She went away that day knowing that for her the sin question was settled. She had been forgiven.
E. Do you know that comfort? The comfort of divine forgiveness? If things are not right between you and God you need to hear these words in your heart.
"Thy sins are forgiven thee."

II. GOD'S COMFORT IN TRIALS.

A. It is written, "In all their affliction he was afflicted and the angel of His presence saved them." Isa. 63:9
B. Do you remember that word in the Book of the prophet Isaiah which says, "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you." Isa. 66:13
C. It is very interesting to notice that the Hebrew word for comfort is sigh.
D. It could be rendered, "As one whom his mother sighs with so will I sigh with you."
E. On the nights that you can't sleep, on the nights that you toss in bed, when nothing seems to go right, just remember God is the God of comfort.

III. GOD COMFORTS IN THE UNCERTAIN TOMORROWS.

A. You just don't know how to face tomorrow. Do you know that God is right there by your side? Rom. 8:28
B. He is there to enter into it all with you. He sighs with you. He understands. He intends to undertake for you to trust Him.
C. He knows and loves and cares for you. Nothing can dim this truth. He gives

WORLD MISSIONS (John 4:35)

I. LIFT UP YOUR EYES—LOOK
A. Jesus saw the need—Matt. 9:36
B. Moses saw the need—Exod. 32:33
C. Paul saw the need—Acts 15:16
D. Must have vision—Prov. 29:18

II. LIFT UP YOUR VOICE—PRAY
A. To send laborers—Matt. 9:38
B. Intercessory prayer—Rom. 8:26
C. Disciples and prayer—Acts 4:31

III. LIFT UP YOUR PURSE—GIVE
A. Missionaries must be sent—Rom. 10:15
B. Love proven by giving—1 John 3:17

IV. LIFT UP YOUR FEET—GO
A. Christ's command—Mark 16:15
B. Chosen and called—John 15:16
C. Responsibility—Ezek. 3:18