

SCRIPTURE STUDY SERIES – LESSON #4

A STUDY IN THE ART OF SPIRITUAL DEVELOPMENT

Designed Especially For New Converts and Christians Desiring Greater Fulfillment

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FAITH, AND HOW TO SHARE IT

Matthew 28:19 records the last words Jesus spoke before He went back to the Father. These words are known to the world as “The Great Commission”: **“Go therefore and make disciples (or Christians) of all the nations.”** We are saved to tell others. Jesus had just completed three and one-half years of concentrated teaching to twelve disciples, and He had spent this time teaching them the concepts of the Kingdom in order that He might be able to multiply Himself. He realized He was leaving the responsibility to evangelize the world to these twelve men, who were living witnesses to the truth of Jesus Christ. The gospels had not been written, and these twelve men were the highest authorities on all matters of Christian faith and practice. Jesus’ life demonstrated Christian service at its best, as He used all of His life to minister to others. Jesus expects no less from us. We are saved to tell others, and we must be busy about the Father’s business. A most beautiful example of soul-winning is found in the **8th chapter of Acts**. Philip, the evangelist (one who proclaims good news or one who preaches the Gospel ... any Christian who tells others of the Gospel of the Lord Jesus is an evangelist), was in Samaria in a revival meeting. Many people were being helped, and it would seem the natural thing for Philip to continue his good ministry; but the Lord spoke to him and told him to go down from Jerusalem into Gaza, which is desert. Philip didn’t question God’s leading, but immediately obeyed. If we are to become successful witnesses, we must learn to obey the leading of the Holy Spirit. There are several noteworthy events mentioned. First of all, Philip had to obey the first instruction before he received further word from God. When he arrived at the place the Lord had told him to go, Philip saw a man riding toward him in a chariot. Notice that if Philip had hesitated a day or two before he obeyed, he would have missed the chariot altogether. When he saw the chariot, the Holy Spirit spoke again and told Philip, **“Go near and overtake this chariot.” (Acts 8:29)** Philip stopped the chariot and found the Ethiopian reading the Scriptures. The Lord had prepared the heart of the man being witnessed to and, at the right time, the Holy Spirit had Philip ready with the right words. It is very significant that Philip used the Scriptures. This is the most effective way to witness. Whether you use the Roman Road or the Four Spiritual Laws—whatever the tool—we need to use and become very familiar with our Bibles. Christians are called to be soul-winners. Proverbs 11:30 declared, “He who wins souls is wise.” Do you want to be a wise Christian? Then win a soul to Jesus. I believe this Bible lesson will create an awareness in us that we must share our faith with a lost world.

Scriptures to study: Luke 10:1-12, Acts 7:54-60, Acts 9:1-22, Romans 10:1-13,
II Corinthians 9:1-15

A. What is a Christian witness?

Acts 22:14-15 _____

I John 1:3 _____

B. What does Jesus say I will be for Him? (Acts 1:8)

C. What must a person do before he can turn from his sins and be saved? (Romans 10:13)

D. But what must a person do before he can call on the Lord to be his Savior? (Romans 10:14)

E. If I go with Jesus as He has told me to, what has He promised to do? (Matthew 4:19)

F. What person must I depend on to prove to other people that they are in the wrong and need Christ to save them? (John 16:7-8)

G. God has a will for every person. What is it? (II Peter 3:9)

H. What is the eternal seed God uses to bring people into His family? (Luke 3:11, I Peter 1:23, 25)

I. The following verses have some facts that I can point out when witnessing. What are they?

Romans 3:23 _____

Romans 5:8 _____

Romans 6:23 _____

Romans 10:13 _____

J. What facts about his life did Paul give in his testimony?

Acts 22:3-5 (Before conversion)

Acts 22:6-13 (After receiving Christ)

Acts 22:14-15

PLEASE FILL IN THE BLANKS:

K. “Now, _____, look on their _____, and _____ to Your _____ that with all _____ they may speak Your word.” (Acts 4:29)

L. “But when He _____ the multitudes, He was moved with _____ for them, because they were _____ and _____, like _____ having no _____.” (Matthew 9:36)

M. “And when they had _____, the _____ where they were _____ together was _____; and they were all _____ with the _____, and they _____ the _____ of _____ with _____.” (Acts 4:31)

N. “Also I say to you, _____ Me before _____, him the _____ of _____ also will _____ before the _____ of _____.” (Luke 12:8)

O. “But when the _____ comes, whom I shall _____ to _____ from the _____, the _____ of _____ who _____ from the _____, He will _____ of Me.” (John 15:26)

P. “Let each of you look out not only for _____ own _____, but also for the _____ of others. Let this _____ be in you which was also in _____.” (Philippians 2:4-5)

Q. “Let no one _____ your _____, but be an _____ to the _____ in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____, in _____.” (I Timothy 4:12)

