

Let's Witness – PT II
Col 1:28 (TLB)
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Back to the basics. We must be a witness for our Lord. Colossian 1:28 (TLB) says "So everywhere we go we talk about Christ to all who will listen, warning them and teaching them as well as we know how. We want to be able to present each one to God, perfect because of what Christ has done for each of them."

A) Eight Reason Why God Wants Us To Witness:

- 1) *You bring glory to God - John 15:8 (KJV, TLB)*
- 2) *The love of Christ compels us to share our faith - 2 Cor 5:14a (KJV)*
- 3) *Sharing your faith is a direct command from Jesus Christ. He says Matt 4:19 (KJV), John 15:16 (KJV)*
- 4) *People without Christ are lost - John 14:6 (KJV)*
- 5) *God wants you to witness because of the benefits He offers*
 - a) *They become children of God – John 1:12 (NIV)*
 - b) *Their bodies become temples of God – 1 Cor 3:16 (KJV), 1 Cor 6:19 (NIV)*
 - c) *All their sins are forgiven - past, present and future - Mark 3:28-29 (NIV), 1 John 1:9 (NIV) “*
 - d) *They begin to experience the peace and love of God – Phil 4:6-7 (KJV), Romans 5:5 (NIV)*
 - e) *They receive God's direction and purpose for their lives – Proverbs 3:5-6 (KJV), John 16:13a (NKJ), Proverbs 12:15, Proverbs 15:22*
 - f) **They experience the power of God to change their lives - Luke 8:26-39 (NIV)**
 - g) *They have assurance of eternal life – John 3:16 (KJV), John 17:3 (KJV), John 5:24 (NIV)*
- 6) *God wants you to witness because of the benefits to those who witness.*
- 7) *God wants you to witness to experience the tremendous privilege and honor of representing Jesus to the world - 2 Cor 5:20 (NIV)*
- 8) *God wants you to witness because the Holy Spirit has been given to provide the power – Acts 1:8*

B) How To Witness To Friends And Family - Proverbs 11:30 (KJV, TLB), Matthew 22:37-40 (KJV), John 15:13 (KJV)

- 1) *Remember to Whom You are Speaking*
- 2) *Be Honest*
- 3) *Never Sacrifice Content for the Sake of the Conversation*
- 4) *Remember Your Place*
- 5) *You Must be Willing to Sacrifice the Relationship for the Soul of Your Friend or Family Member*