

Biblical Witnessing As Living Epistles

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Introduction: What do you think of when you hear the term "witness"? Is this a Bible word? Why don't we talk about it more often? I love the Restoration plea. The Restoration Movement offered something bold and declarative. We need to do "Bible things in Bible ways" and call "Bible things by Bible names." The problem with restoration is that it cannot happen overnight. When you couple that with the fact that through neglect and ignorance things often end up faded or corrupted again. Restoration is an on-going process. In this lesson, we will discover some great Bible concepts that I hope will change our outlook on restoration, ministry, and our own personal walk with God. Let's study.....

Discussion:

I. The Biblical Concept of Being A Christian Witness

Where can we find the Biblical concept of witnessing?

Matthew 28:18-20, Mark 16:15-16, Luke 22:46-49, Acts 1:7-8

Why don't we talk about the Biblical concept of witnessing?

II. The Biblical Concept of Being A Living Epistle

Where can we find the Biblical concept of living stones?

Ephesians 4-5, Romans 12:3-8, Matthew 25:14-30, II Corinthians 3:3

Why don't we talk about the Biblical concept of living stones?

III. The Challenge of Being a Biblical Witness As A Living Epistle

What does it mean to be a Biblical witness?

II Peter 3:9, Acts 9, John 15:16, Matthew 28:19-20, Daniel 12:3

Whose example can we follow to be a living epistle? Why?

IV. The Conditions of Being a Biblical Witness As A Living Epistle

Who can be the greatest asset to the Christian faith? Greatest enemy?

John 15:4-5, Matthew 21:22, II Timothy 2:21, Romans 10:1, II Timothy 2:15, Galatians 6:9, Galatians 5:22-23

What can we do to be better witnesses as a living epistle?

Conclusion: My prayer is that God will open your heart, fill you with His Holy Spirit, equipping for ministry, and give you a passion for lost people. If that happens Biblical witnessing will come naturally. Remember that God is living and He is the God of the living, NOT the dead (**Luke 20:38, Hebrews 11-12**). Are you ready to start running the race? Are you ready to get back in the race? Let God use you for His glory!