

“But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” Acts 1:8

Before going back to the Father, Jesus commanded us to follow Him and be His witnesses.

While not all believers are called to the ministry of the gospel, we are all called to be His witnesses through living in abiding in Christ.

As such Jesus said:

Acts 13:47: “I have set you as a light to the Gentiles, that you should be for salvation to the ends of the earth.”

John 20:21: “As the Father has sent Me, I also send you.”

John 8:31: “If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed.”

Matthew 28:19-20: “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age.”

John 15:14: “You are My friends if you do whatever I command you.”

Therefore:

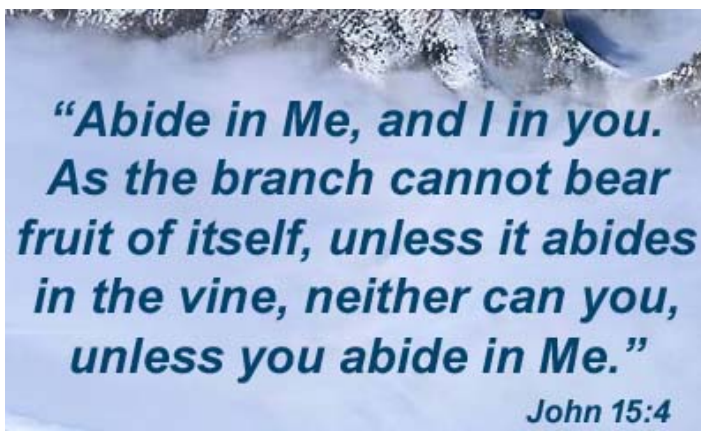
Colossians 2:6: “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him,”

The ultimate purpose of the mission being:

Luke 24:46-47: “Thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations.”

Have I accepted the mission to be a witness for Christ, in carrying His light and living to follow Him as Lord?

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What are the core fundamentals required to follow Christ as born again believers?

Ephesians 4:23-24: “Be renewed in the spirit of your mind, and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.”

1John 2:5: “Whoever keeps His word, truly the love of God is perfected in him. By this we know that we are in Him.”

What is our only secure source of knowledge?

Hebrews 4:12: “For the Word of God *is* living and powerful, and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart.”

How is that achieved?

John 8:12: “I am the light of the world. He who follows Me shall not walk in darkness, but have the light of life.”

2Corinthians 3:18: “But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

Galatians 2:20: “I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the *life* which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.”

Do I abide in Christ and walk in the light, so that I am renewed by the Spirit of the Lord?

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“How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him who brings good news, who proclaims peace, who brings glad tidings of good things, who proclaims salvation.”
Isaiah 52:7

A mission incorporates diverse elements that are translated into ministries of the gospel. Those ministries exist to fulfill the mission that Christ gave us all, making us duty-bound to proceed under the authority of Christ the Lord.

What are those elements?

John 15:5: “I am the vine, you *are* the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing.”

1Corinthians 12:5-6: “There are differences of ministries, but the same Lord. And there are diversities of activities, but it is the same God who works all in all.”

Why?

1Corinthians 3:11: “No one can lay any foundation other than the one already laid, which is Jesus Christ.”

2Corinthians 4:6: “For God, who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ made his light shine in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of God’s glory displayed in the face of Christ.”

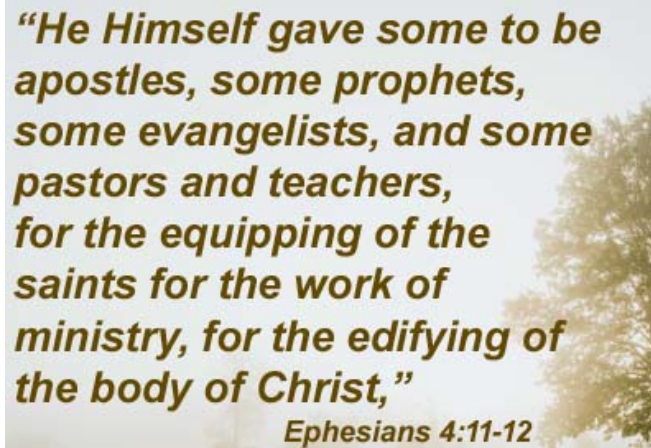
2Corinthians 2:17: “Unlike so many, we do not peddle the Word of God for profit. On the contrary, in Christ we speak before God with sincerity, as those sent from God.”

Therefore:

1Peter 4:10: “As each one has received a gift, minister it to one another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God.”

Do I realize that as a witness for Christ, I must abide in Him so He abides in me?

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Obviously, to carry out the mission to be witnesses for Christ, we must be focused on reaching out to the lost.

Why?

1Peter 2:9-10: “You *are* a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; who once *were* not a people but *are* now the people of God, who had not obtained mercy but now have obtained mercy.”

Romans 10:14: “How can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him? And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him? And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?”

Romans 8:29: “For whom He foreknew, He also predestined *to be* conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.”

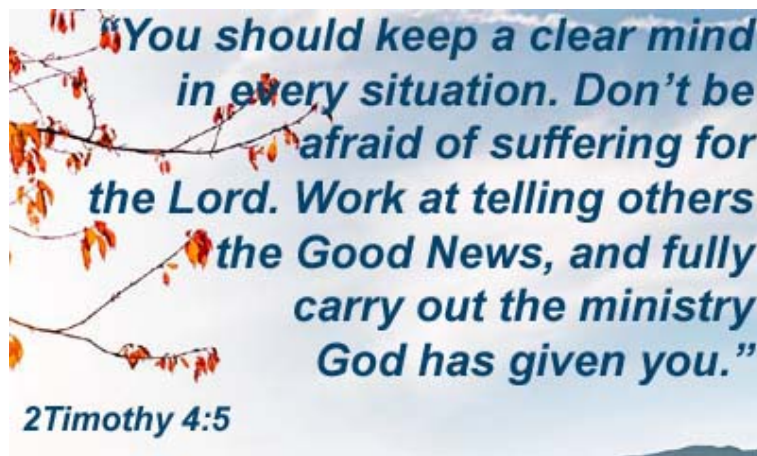
Mark 10:45: “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

Therefore:

Ephesians 2:19-20: “You are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief *cornerstone*.”

Am I committed and focused to be a witness for Christ?

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Are there challenges encountered when we steadfastly live to be Christ's witnesses?

2Timothy 3:12: "In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

Matthew 10:22: "And you will be hated by all for My name's sake. But he who endures to the end will be saved."

How must we face those challenges?

Ephesians 6:10-11: "Be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil."

Why?

2Timothy 1:7: "For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."

Romans 1:16: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes."

Acts 20:24: "None of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

Therefore:

Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I *am* with you; be not dismayed, for I *am* your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."

Do I stand committed to Christ to be His witness, even if it means I will be rejected by the world?

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“Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the Word of truth.”

1Timothy 2:15

What should our heart attitude be so we faithfully live to abide in Christ, to be His witnesses, and not lose heart?

Proverbs 3:5-6: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths.”

Colossians 3:15: “Let the peace of God rule in your hearts, to which also you were called in one body; and be thankful.”

1Peter 3:15: “Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to *give* a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.”

Colossians 3:12-13: “As *the* elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering; bearing with one another, and forgiving one another.”

Ephesians 5:15-16: “See then that you walk circumspectly, not as fools but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil.”

Therefore:

2Corinthians 4:1-2: “As we have received mercy, we do not lose heart. But we have renounced the hidden things of shame, not walking in craftiness nor handling the Word of God deceitfully, but by manifestation of the truth commending ourselves to every man’s conscience in the sight of God.”

In the sight of God, how is my heart attitude?

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***“Not everyone who says to Me,
'Lord, Lord,' shall enter
the kingdom of heaven,
but he who does the will
of My Father in heaven.”***

Matthew 7:21

How strongly does the Word of God warn us about the Day of Judgment?

Matthew 7:22-23: “Many will say to me on that day, ‘Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?’ Then I will tell them plainly, ‘I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!’”

Matthew 12:36-37: “But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the Day of Judgment. For by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned.”
Why?

1Corinthians 2:14: “The natural man does not receive the things of the Spirit of God, for they are foolishness to him; nor can he know *them*, because they are spiritually discerned.”

Proverbs 12:15: “The way of a fool *is* right in his own eyes, but he who heeds counsel *is* wise.”

Proverbs 18:2: “A fool has no delight in understanding, but in expressing his own heart.”

Galatians 1:10: “For do I now persuade men, or God? Or do I seek to please men? For if I still pleased men, I would not be a bondservant of Christ.”

Therefore:

James 1:22: “Be doers of the Word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.”

Am I steadfastly following Christ, and ready to enter the Kingdom of heaven when the Day of Judgment comes?

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