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Acts 1:8

Why, as believers in Christ, must we be His witnesses?

1 Peter 2:9, “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.”

And as the apostle Paul said:

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

1 Corinthians 2:2, “I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified.”

Colossians 3:17, “Whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

2 Corinthians 13:1, “By the mouth of two or three witnesses every word shall be established.”

As such:

2 Timothy 1:8, “Do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me His prisoner, but share with me in the sufferings for the gospel according to the power of God.”

What’s more?

Proverbs 14:25, “A true witness delivers souls, but a deceitful *witness* speaks lies.”

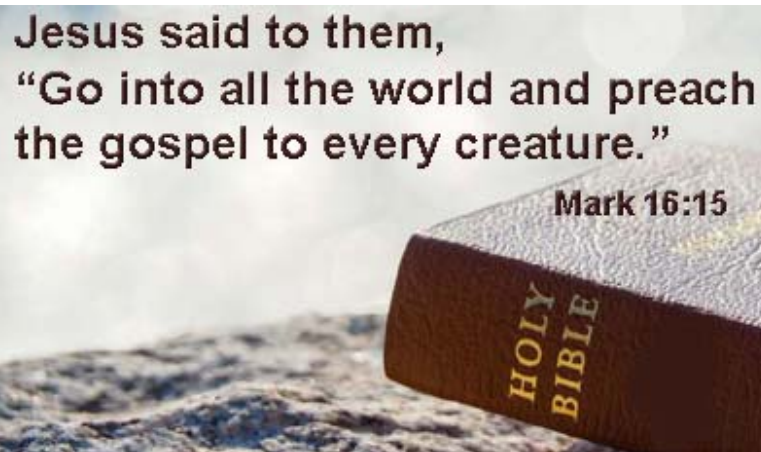
Therefore:

1 Peter 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.”

Am I committed and faithful to be a true witness for Christ?

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How did Jesus clearly command us to be His witnesses to the world?
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."

Why?

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

What's more?

Romans 10:14, "How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?"

The purpose being:

Luke 12:8, "Whoever confesses Me before men, him the Son of Man also will confess before the angels of God."

As such:

Acts 10:42, "He commanded us to preach to the people, and to testify that it is He who was ordained by God to be Judge of the living and the dead."

What's more?

2 Timothy 2:1-2, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also."

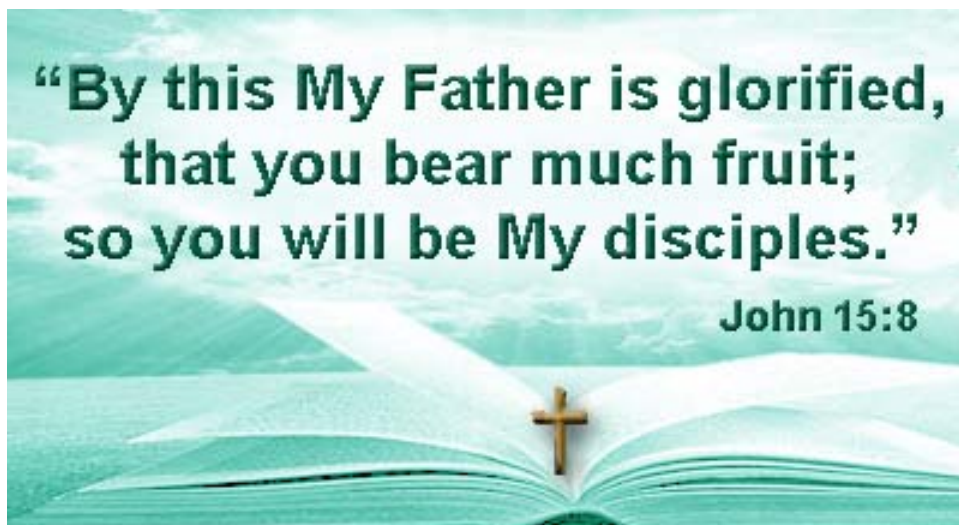
Therefore and as Jesus clearly said:

Matthew 4:19, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."

How determined am I to heed the command of Christ?

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What is the purpose to be true witnesses for Christ?

2 Corinthians 4:5-6, "We do not preach ourselves but Christ Jesus as Lord, and ourselves as your bond-servants for Jesus' sake. For God, who said, "Light shall shine out of darkness," is the One who has shone in our hearts to give the Light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ."

As such Jesus said:

Mark 5:14, "You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden."

John 15:1-2, "I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit He takes away; and every *branch* that bears fruit He prunes, that it may bear more fruit."

John 15:16, "I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit, and *that* your fruit should remain."

What's more?

Matthew 24:14, "This gospel of the kingdom will be preached in all the world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come."

Therefore:

Philippians 2:15, "Become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world,"

Do I sincerely abide in the Lord's command to be a light in the world and bear fruit to His glory?

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How must we act and live so as to be effective witnesses for Christ?

2 Timothy 2:15, "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth."

Colossians 3:23, "And whatever you do, do it heartily, as to the Lord and not to men."

Why?

1 Peter 2:21, "For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps."

What's more?

Isaiah 43:10, "You *are* My witnesses," says the LORD, and My servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe Me, and understand that I *am* He. Before Me there was no God formed, nor shall there be after Me."

As such:

Hebrews 12:1, "Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us."

Therefore:

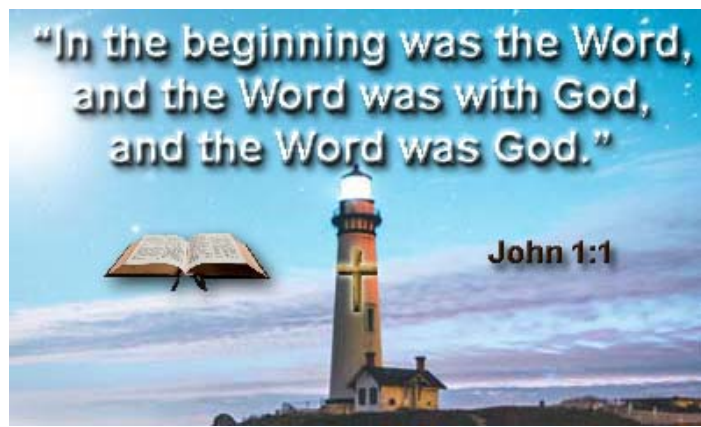
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Colossians 4:6, "*Let* your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to answer each one."

How faithful am I to wholeheartedly be a witness for Christ?

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To be effective witnesses for Christ, where do we find the power to be so equipped?

2 Timothy 3:16-17, "All Scripture *is* given by inspiration of God, and *is* profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work."

What's more?

Hebrews 4:12, "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."

As such:

Isaiah 40:8, "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God stands forever."

Romans 12:17, "Faith *comes* by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."

Therefore:

Colossians 3:16, "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom, teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs."

James 1:22, "Be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves."

Colossians 3:17, "And whatever you do in word or deed, *do* all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him."

How committed am I into learning what the Lord desires from me through His Word, so I live to be His true witness?

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How does the Word of God lead us to become true witnesses for Christ?

John 3:16, “God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.”

The reason why:

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

And...

Romans 10:15, “How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the gospel of peace, who bring glad tidings of good things!”

As such:

Matthew 5:13, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men.”

Matthew 5:15, “No one lights a lamp and then puts it under a basket. Instead, a lamp is placed on a stand, where it gives light to everyone in the house.”

Therefore and the ultimate purpose being:

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Why?

John 17:3, “This is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent.”

How ready, willing and determined am I to be His true faithful witness?

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