

FINDING YOUR GOD INTENDED PURPOSE IN LIFE

“HOW TO WITNESS”

In our last lecture we saw as Christians we are the Lord's witnesses on earth. We are to be shining lights for him. So how are we to witness?

First by our lives, by the kind of people we are, by our Christian character. Just like Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” Matthew 5:16. It is by people “seeing” that we witness. They see what we do, if our doing is Christ-like we will make an impression for good. If we say we are Christians and our doing is not Christ-like we make an impression for bad. However we can save the day if we are honest when we fail and admit our failure, they will see that we are real, that we are genuine Christians admitting we have let our Lord down.

We witness by not being a judgmental Christian. We will never influence someone if they feel we are judging them. We don't need to say anything they will sense it the moment they see us. Invisible judgmental feelings will be oozing out of the very pores of our skin coming right at them causing them to clam up and share nothing with us. We need to keep reminding ourselves, we too are sinners, we too have had failures in our lives and we need to approach them in a humble genuine way.

We witness by not being a complaining Christian. Some Christians are always complaining, they complain about other people, they complain about their circumstances, they seem to complain about everything. A complaining Christian is not an attractive Christian, they are not a good advertisement for the Lord. You can't be a complaining Christian and have the joy of the Lord at the same time.

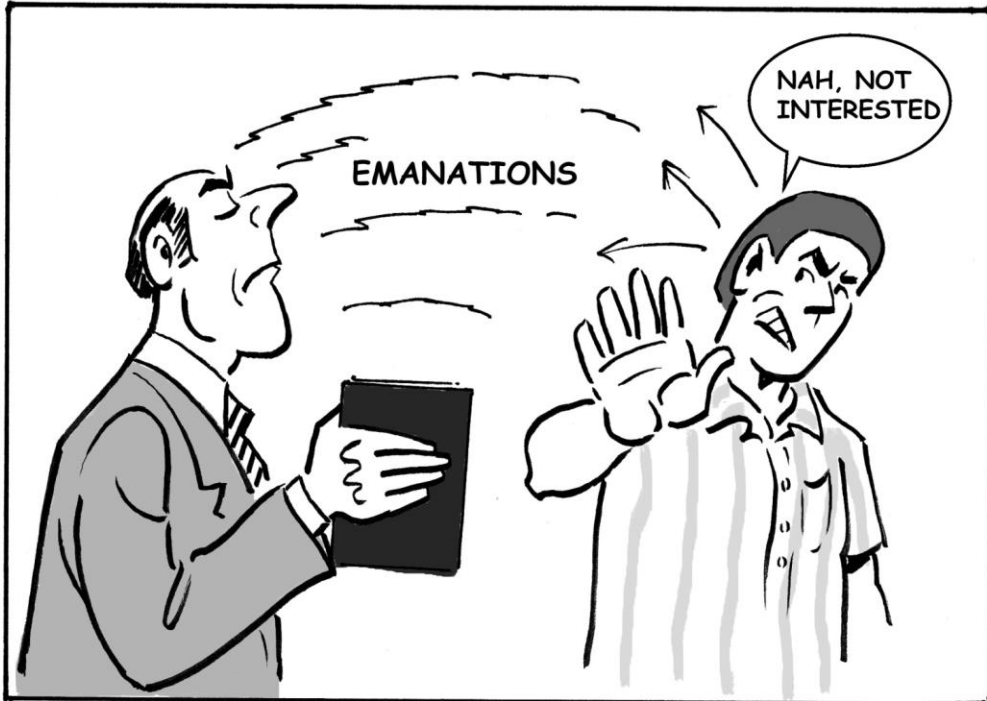
We witness by not being a holier than you Christian. In other words we don't try to witness to someone with a superior attitude, that we are spiritual and they are a unspiritual, that we are saved and proud of it and they are a sinner and need us, the superior one, to help them. No we are just fellow sinners who have found Jesus and He is helping us and He is willing to help them.

We witness by being a compassionate Christian. Matthew 9:36 says about Jesus, “When he saw the crowds, he had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.” We live in a sick and sad world despite all the good things in it and a compassionate Christian is not only a shining light but a wonderful blessing.

We witness by being a forgiving Christian. An unforgiving Christian is certainly a Christian whose light has gone out and is of no use to God or man.

As it says in Ephesians 4:32 “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.” Being a Christian is all about forgiveness. We all need the forgiveness of God. We all need to forgive others. We all can show others how they can receive forgiveness. The whole world needs forgiveness, the only way of forgiveness is through Jesus and we are called to witness to that fact. We are His witnesses!

HOW TO AND HOW NOT TO WITNESS



A JUDGEMENTAL, SUPERIOR FEELING CHRISTIAN WITNESSING



A CHRISTIAN WITNESSING IN HUMILITY, COMPASSION AND LOVE.