

## WHAT IF THERE WAS NOBODY BUT YOU TO WITNESS

Matthew 28:18-20

(Not entirely original with me)

**Introduction:** It is easy to pass up opportunities to witness and most Christians do. However there are churches all around, there are religious television and radio programs and there are countless opportunities for just about anybody to be witnessed to. However, what if YOU were the ONLY Christian around? What would you do? Would you want others to become Christians too? Would you like to bring them to belief in the Lord Jesus? Think about being the only person to witness about the Lord Jesus Christ.

### I. THE ONLY WITNESS IN YOUR FAMILY

1. You would want to pray faithfully for each member of your family.
2. You would want to be careful in how you acted and how you talked.
  - Your family members would be watching and listening to you and comparing your talk and actions with your beliefs.
  - Your family would be thinking about how you treated everybody else in the family.
  - Your family would be watching how you conducted yourself around your neighbors.
3. You would want to be regular and active in your church.
  - Your family will know what you really thought about going to church.
4. Your family would be watching how you acted when you were mistreated or when things didn't go exactly as you wanted.
5. Make it a point to live in such a way that your family can see that Jesus is really the example you are trying to follow.
6. Be a witness for the Lord Jesus.
  - Your family would know whether you ever invite others to go to church and especially your own family members.
7. Use common sense in not imposing or forcing your faith upon others.
  - Your family will see your good works and their hearts will be inclined to turn to the Lord Jesus and want to take on that same Jesus-like example that you are living.

### II. THE ONLY WITNESS WHERE YOU WORK

1. You would want to be concerned for the souls of those you work with.
  - They would need to come to believe in God and in the Bible.
  - They would then need to come to believe in the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. If your co-workers are not Christians, they probably don't attend church.
  - They never hear the gospel.
  - YOU are a representative of the faith in God and the Lord Jesus Christ.
3. Be faithful in praying for those you work with.
  - God has put YOU there with those unbelieving co-workers for a purpose.
  - You are probably with your co-workers more than you are with your own family at times.
4. Do good work.
  - Be on time, be early when possible.
  - Be efficient, try to improve in what your job is, remember, your co-workers are watching you.
5. Be courteous and cheerful to everyone, even those who give you a hard time.
  - Respect your superiors, treat them with consideration.
  - Don't take advantage of those who might be beneath you in position.
6. Don't get into arguments with anybody about anything.

- Remember, your co-workers know you are a Christian and they will be watching you.
  - You are a Christian, always on active duty.
7. When led by the Holy Spirit, witness for the Lord Jesus.
- Invite your co-workers to your church.
  - You might leave a gospel tract lying around.
  - Act humbly, quietly, meekly and the Lord Jesus will be able to bless you and perhaps others.

### **III. THE ONLY WITNESS WHERE YOU GO TO COLLEGE**

1. It is often very difficult to be an active Christian in college.
  - From the professors down to the Freshman student, there is an atmosphere of anything but religion.
  - Many students are there just because their parents sent them there.
  - Many students are there just to have fun.
  - Many students are there to study and have no time for anything else.
2. Make up your mind that you are not going to get involved with ungodly and worldly things.
  - College campuses are active and always have things going on and few if any have any religious overtones.
  - There will be opportunities to enter into activities that are in no way good for your soul and spirit.
3. Try to avoid compromising situations.
  - Be careful about picking your friends.
    - They may have gone to church when at home, but college is different and many don't go to church anymore.
    - Students have a way of pretending to be what they are not.
4. Do the best you can in the courses you take.
  - Others will be watching you to see if you always act like a Christian.
  - Avoid foolish arguments.
5. Make sure that you have a time and place for daily, personal devotions and prayer.
  - If possible, find somebody to pray with you and study the Bible with.
6. Keep your Bible with you, carry some tracts and the Lord will give you an opportunity to offer someone a tract or even ask you what the Bible is for.
  - Let them laugh at you, but don't argue with them.

### **IV. THE ONLY WITNESS IN YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD**

1. Moving into a new neighborhood one finds that he/she is the only "active, church going Christian."
2. You need to pray that God would guide you in all things.
  - That God would guide and use you to help your neighbors come to know the Lord Jesus.
3. Be as good a neighbor as possible.
  - Don't park in your neighbor's area, keep your pets home and quiet.
  - Keep your stereo and t.v. volume down.
4. Keep your children in their own yard.
5. Attend worship services regularly as your neighbors will notice that every Sunday you are gone.
  - Join a local church, support it, work in it and your neighbors will find out.
6. Visit your sick and lonely neighbors.
  - Take food or desert to them.
7. Don't get into arguments about changing the neighborhood or community.
  - Always speak kindly to everyone.

8. Invite your neighbors to a cook-out or some inside activity, let them get to know where you live and what your family is like.
  - Eventually you might invite "some" to a time of Bible study or watch a religious movie.

## **CONCLUSION:**

1. If YOU are a Christian, then YOU are to be a witness wherever you are.
2. There is no "cut and dried" method of witnessing and each situation will call for a particular kind of approach to being able to witness for the Lord Jesus.
3. Remember Christian, no matter where you are, no matter the circumstances you happen to be in, the Lord Jesus is with you and the Holy Spirit is also within you and you are never alone, so it won't be YOU all by yourself in that witnessing position.
4. No matter where you are, there can be an opportunity for you to be a witness for the Lord Jesus Christ.
  - Stay constantly in an attitude of prayer and be alert for the Lord may want to use you at any moment.
5. YOU CAN WITNESS! Wherever you are.