

THE ART OF PERSONAL WITNESSING

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Seminar Outlines

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Introduction

The joy of witnessing to a friend about Christ and the privilege of seeing a person pass from death to life.

I. You Can Witness Effectively to Individuals

A. Christ promised to make you a fisher of men (Matthew 4:19).

1. You may not be a Peter, but you can be an Andrew:

Illustration - A shoe salesman named Edward Kimball led D. L. Moody to Christ.
Illustration - 7 of the 12 apostles were won through individual work.

2. The command to “follow Him,” and the promise “I will make you fishers of men.”

B. The Lord Jesus, though He taught large groups, is also our example in individual witnessing.

Illustration - 19 times the Lord Jesus taught one person.

C. It is the greatest work God permits men to do, and the hardest.

1. He does all the saving; we help in the seeking (Luke 19:10).

2. Satan bitterly opposes something so effective as individual witnessing.

D. Therefore witnessing is an art to be learned. It takes:

1. Personal preparation and equipping - for a boldness - something to say.

2. Knowledge of how to approach a person who is seemingly uninterested or even hostile to the things of God.

3. Ability to tell the gospel story simply and forcefully.

4. Knowledge of how to care for the one you have led to the Lord.

E. The first question: “Are you following the Lord Jesus?”

1. Do you know the Lord Jesus as your own personal Saviour? (II Timothy 1:12)

2. You must come to have a working knowledge of the Scriptures.

a. Individual witnessing is hand-to-hand spiritual conflict. (II Corinthians 4:3,4)

b. You must use spiritual weapons. (Ephesians 6:17; Jeremiah 23:29)

