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Have you noticed that there are some believers who just love to witness God's Word? They love to share His Word with others, to sound out the truths they have learned, to speak the Word to anyone who will listen, and to invite people to a home fellowship. Having a love for witnessing and then developing an adeptness at it is based on more than a personality trait; it builds from the heart and soul of one who truly understands why our heavenly Father would have us witness His Word. As born-again believers with an accurate knowledge and understanding of the truth, we choose to witness the Word (1) because we can, (2) because we've been commissioned, and (3) because we are needed.

BECAUSE WE CAN!

Acts 1:8:

But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost [holy spirit] is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

This is a promise that Jesus Christ made to his apostles on the day of his ascension. Ten days later on the day of Pentecost, the holy spirit did "come upon" the apostles. And on that same day, the Apostle Peter, speaking by revelation from God, made it clear that this promise was also "to all that are afar off, *even* as many as the Lord our God shall call" (Acts 2:39). That promise was made to every born-again believer from the day of Pentecost forward, including you and me! Once we are born again with the gift of holy spirit, we are witnesses. That means we can witness God's Word; we have the ability to witness.

BECAUSE WE'VE BEEN COMMISSIONED!

Not only are we able to witness for God because of the gift of holy spirit within, but we've actually been commissioned to do so.

II Corinthians 5:19,20:

To wit, that God was in Christ, reconciling the world unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them; and hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation.

Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.

As sons of God, we are also His ambassadors. And as God's representatives on this earth, we have the Word of reconciliation committed unto us. God has commissioned us to reconcile to Him those who are without God and without hope so that they too can enjoy the loving fellowship with Him.

BECAUSE WE ARE NEEDED!

Romans 10:13:

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

How will people know about salvation if we do not first preach, publicly proclaim, the truth about God, His Word, and what He desires for people?

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? and how shall they hear without a preacher?

People need us! So we have the joy and responsibility to preach God's Word.

Look at some of the believers from the first-century Church who truly loved to witness the Word:

PETER

Acts 2:14:

But Peter, standing up with the eleven, lifted up his voice, and said unto them, Ye men of Judaea, and all ye that dwell at Jerusalem, be this known unto you, and hearken to my words.

STEPHEN

Acts 6:10:

And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the spirit by which he [Stephen] spake.

PHILIP

Acts 8:5:

Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them.

PAUL AND BARNABAS

Acts 14:20,21:

...and the next day he [Paul] departed with Barnabas to Derbe. And when they had preached the gospel to that city, and had taught many, they returned again to Lystra, and to Iconium, and Antioch.

Knowing we have the ability, the commission, the joy and responsibility of preaching the Word, we can join the list of these believers and more because we too love to witness God's Word!

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