

Not What I know, but Who I know

CULTURE & COMPROMISE

Sharing your faith isn't about having all the right answers, it's simply about our relationship and telling the _____ about what we have experienced.

Mark 16:15 (NCV) *Jesus said to his followers, "Go everywhere in the world, and tell the Good News to everyone.*

2 Corinthians 5:20 We are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us.

Colossians 4:5-6 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. 6 Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.

1 Peter 3:15 Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.

We have to _____ before we _____, putting relationship above being _____.

Luke 19:1-10 Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. 2 A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. 3 He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. 4 So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way. 5 When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, "Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." 6 So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. 7 All the people saw this and began to mutter, "He has gone to be the guest of a sinner." 8 But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, "Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor; and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount." 9 Jesus said to him, "Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. 10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost."

People don't care what you _____ until they first know that you _____.

_____ according to what Jesus _____.

We have to earn someone's _____ before we can build a _____. And we have to have a relationship before we can have _____.

Acts 1:8 "You will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere"

What is a _____ ?

Someone who has _____ and _____ something firsthand and communicates his experience accurately.

Jesus

John 3:31-32 The one who comes from heaven is above all. 32 He testifies to what he has seen and heard

Shepherds

Luke 2:20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all the things they had heard and seen, which were just as they had been told.

Disciples of John the Baptist

Luke 7:22 So he replied to the messengers, "Go back and report to John what you have seen and heard: The blind receive sight, the lame walk, those who have leprosy are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the good news is proclaimed to the poor.

Disciples of Jesus

Acts 4:17-20 But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name." 18 Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. 19 But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Apostle Paul

Acts 4:20 You will be his witness to all people of what you have seen and heard. 16 And now what are you waiting for?

Apostle John

1 John 1:1-3 That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we have looked at and our hands have touched—this we proclaim concerning the Word of life. 2 The life appeared; we have seen it and testify [witness] to it, and we proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and has appeared to us. 3 We proclaim to you what we have seen and heard, so that you also may have fellowship with us. And our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son, Jesus Christ.

Witnesses don't _____

S - _____ A - _____ L - _____ T - _____

1. Pray that the Father would _____ them to Jesus.

John 6:44 "No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws them"

2. Bind the spirit that _____ their minds.

2 Corinthians 4:4 The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.

3. Let loose the spirit of _____.

Romans 8:15 The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, "Abba, Father."

4. Pray that believers will enter into positive _____ with the lost, and pray that we will see the _____ - that come across our paths.

Matthew 9:38 Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."

5. Release the _____ of wisdom and revelation on them, so they may know God better.

Ephesians 1:17 I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better.

Keep your standards _____ and your grace _____.

Accept those around us without approving of their behavior.

Don't _____.

Let them see your own _____.

Stand firm and love well.