
Reaching Out: Who Am I To Witness To?

God wants me to witness to a person:

1. _____ – **Regardless of where that person lives or came from**

Go where no one else would go – Go where the fish are

People who live “on the bad side of town” need Jesus

- **Matt 28:19a** *Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations...*
- **Mark 16:15** *And He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature.*
- **Luke 24:46-47** ⁴⁶ *Then He said to them, “Thus it is written, and thus it was necessary for the Christ to suffer and to rise from the dead the third day, ⁴⁷ and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in His name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*
- **Acts 1:8** *But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be witnesses to Me in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.”*

2. _____ – **Regardless of that person’s ethnic background**

- **Rom 1:16** *For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.*
- **Acts 10:34-35** ³⁴ *Then Peter opened [his] mouth and said: “In truth I perceive that God shows no partiality. ³⁵ But in every nation whoever fears Him and works righteousness is accepted by Him.*
- **Acts 15:7-9** ⁷ *And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them: “Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. ⁸ So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as [He did] to us, ⁹ and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith.*
- **1 John 2:2** *And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.*
- **“Jesus loves the little children – red and yellow, black and white...”**

3. _____ – **Regardless of what that person does or has done**

“They’d make good Christians”

Prodigal son – brother – he was BACK

- **Luke 7:37-50** – **Mary Magdalene...**
- **Luke 15:20** *And he arose and came to his father. But when he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.*
- **1 Tim 1:15** *This [is] a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief.*

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- **1 Cor 6:9-11** ⁹ *Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, ¹⁰ nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners will inherit the kingdom of God. ¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, but you were sanctified, but you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus and by the Spirit of our God.*

4. _____ – **Regardless of who or how that person worships**

- **John 3:1-36**
- **Acts 13:14-41**
- **Acts 17:18-32**

5. _____ – **Regardless of whether it’s politically incorrect/allowed**

- **Acts 5:27-29** ²⁷ *And when they had brought them, they set [them] before the council. And the high priest asked them, ²⁸ saying, “Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And look, you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!” ²⁹ But Peter and the [other] apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.*

6. _____ – **Regardless of that person’s economic status**

- **James 1:27** *Pure and undefiled religion before God and the Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their trouble, [and] to keep oneself unspotted from the world.*

7. _____ – **Regardless of that person’s importance**

- **1 Cor 1:26-29** ²⁶ *For you see your calling, brethren, that not many wise according to the flesh, not many mighty, not many noble, [are called]. ²⁷ But God has chosen the foolish things of the world to put to shame the wise, and God has chosen the weak things of the world to put to shame the things which are mighty; ²⁸ and the base things of the world and the things which are despised God has chosen, and the things which are not, to bring to nothing the things that are, ²⁹ that no flesh should glory in His presence.*

8. _____ – **Regardless of that person’s age**

- **Luke 18:16** *But Jesus called them to [Him] and said, “Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of God.*

Summary

1 Cor 9:19-22 ¹⁹ *For though I am free from all [men], I have made myself a servant to all, that I might win the more; ²⁰ and to the Jews I became as a Jew, that I might win Jews; to those [who are] under the law, as under the law, that I might win those [who are] under the law; ²¹ to those [who are] without law, as without law (not being without law toward God, but under law toward Christ), that I might win those [who are] without law; ²² to the weak I became as weak, that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all [men], that I might by all means save some.*