

Are You a Witness, To the Word of God?

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Are you a witness to the word of G-d?

Does that sound like a strange question that I or someone else would ask of you as a Christian.

What is a witness to the word of G-d. Is it going from house to house asking those that may answer their door if they have heard the good news of Jesus Christ?

Or being asked by another or asking of someone else if you or they are saved and if you have been washed in the blood of our Lord and Savior, and do you walk with G-d.

Questions of ones faith in G-d, and His promise of salvation and eternal life that many of us have been asked of and by others whom have stated that they have been cleansed and purged of all sin; heart, body, mind and soul and that they are disciples or witnesses of the word of G-d. But how are we to know.

We usually don't hold up signs or shout out into a crowd of people, I am a witness for G-d. At least not if we don't want to be attacked for our beliefs as many have. Some of you know what I mean when I say that.

So, how is one to believe such a claim when we are approached by someone that proclaims that they are forgiven of their sins and love G-d with all their heart, and obey His commandments; do things in their life that speaks differently. And what if we are that individual.

Now what do I mean?

Yeshua was called "Good Teacher" by a man seeking what he should do to have eternal life. What was Yeshua's answer?

"Why do you call Me good?" Yeshua replied. "No one is good except God alone.
Mark 10:18 .

Stop and think about what Yeshua just said, why do you call me good. This is the Son of G-d, all that is holy and yet he states to the man why do you call me good.

Yeshua is our example and headship of G-d's word for our lives. Why would He answer this man in the way He did?

Consider this.

Yeshua is all G-d and yet is in mortal form subject to the same temptations that we are. He has the same free will that we do and feels all the same emotions and other feelings that we ourselves have; and like us He can walk away from that which G-d the Father has given Him in authority and power.

Just as we are flesh and bone so is He subject to all the same temptations, if He were not than how would He be an example to us for how we are to live morally.

What was it that He prayed in the garden.

“Father, if You are willing, take this cup from Me. The emotion He feels is fear, fear of what is coming, that which is about to happen that any of us would not walk, but run away from. Yet not My will, but Yours be done.” **Luke 22:42.**

Do we see such obedience and devotion from the world to G-d, and love to others here?

Hebrews 5:7-9

7 During the days of Yeshuas' life on earth, He offered up prayers and petitions with fervent cries and tears to the one who could save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. **8** Son though he was, he learned obedience from what he suffered **9** and, once made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey Him.

Fear; something that we all have known at one time or another. Yeshua could have, because of free will, walked away from that which G-d the Father sent Him to do. But He knew what His purpose was and that was to be a sacrifice, a price to be paid so that we who have sinned might be reconciled back to G-d.

Not just some but the entire world (John 3:16) no exclusions. Sin, lawlessness, unclean, no matter how we may speak of our transgressions, no matter what we call them will not be ignored by G-d. Yeshua was fully aware of His purpose.

But what about us?

What G-d had to give, (the death of His Son) as a gift to us to be forgiven of our sins still came with a cost. And that cost must be re-payd.

What we call a gift from G-d is not to be taken lightly.

Mark 16:15 -18 And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature **16**Whoever believes and is baptized will be saved, but whoever does not believe will be condemned **.17**And these signs will accompany those who believe: In My name they will drive out demons; they will speak in new tongues; **18** they will pick up snakes with their hands, and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not harm them; they will lay their hands on the sick, and they will be made well."

This is what the 11 disciples were instructed to do by Yeshua after He rose from the dead and before he ascended to heaven, His disciples were to preach and teach the word of His Father to others and making them disciples to continue the work of G-d.

We whom call ourselves children of G-d, a people or a nation; have been given a mission or purpose to not only preach, and teach others in the way of the Lord but to also be a witness to the glory and goodness of G-d by our own actions.

"You will know them by their fruit" is a verse from the Bible, Matthew 7:16 KJV. The verse means that one should judge people by their actions, not just their words. A good person will produce good fruit, while a bad person will produce bad fruit.

The verse is often used to encourage people to look beyond appearances and to judge people based on their actions, their character, their words. The verse is also mentioned in Matthew 7:20 Wherefore by their fruits you shall know them. KJV.

Just look at this world we live in today.

If ones words concerning the word of G-d do not line up with their actions, we are to be a witness of their transgressions against G-d and others and correct them as G-d has outlined in the following scriptures.

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: **17** so that the servant of God, may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

And how do we do this, we're given instructions on that also.

1 Corinthians 13:4-7

"Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres.

I know that many of you have read these verses many times, and my intention is not to burden anyone here today or cause guilt nor offense, but I hope to give encouragement to all that may have felt disappointment, sadness, or defeat when giving witness to another that is lost and without purpose in this life.

At one time or another we ask ourselves what we could have done better to give hope to another who has lost all hope. Sometimes we can't. Freewill is given to all. But we should never give up. As long as we can take a breath, as long as ones heart keeps beating we are required to witness and bring G-d's word of salvation through His Son to others.

And we may have difficulties and not give a perfect presentation of the love that G-d has for His creation, or every answer for someones circumstance.

Anyone can memorize words and appear upright before others when wanting to deceive others, happens everyday.

Our mission is to give encouragement to others with love and truth.

Then saith He unto his disciples, The harvest truly is ready, but the laborers are few. **Matthew 9:37**

How many wolves are among the sheep that pose as those whom will teach you to live by the word of G-d but their intentions are pure evil.

Many are seeking the ways of our G-d even today with all the garbage of this world that they have to deal with every waking moment of every day they are here. They have questions, fears of what is coming, fear and concern of what is happening. They see the suffering and lawlessness laid out before them and hear those that are lawless tell them this is all there is, there is no heaven or hell, no eternal life so take all you can, by any means you have to, even if you have to lie, cheat, kill and even destroy others to get what you want. That is neither love nor is it truth.

Look at the last 4 years that we have had to watch the lives of many be destroyed by the lies of those in the authority of man.

There's another verse after Matthew 9:37.

Matthew 9:38 Pray you therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth laborers into His harvest.

Now who would that be? Us, His elect, His chosen people whom He has given authority by His name to be His witnesses of His truth, His love. Not wolves, not those that twist words and spew them forth that do evil day and night, not those wanting something from another. Enough of that!

We don't get to sit on our blessed assurance and do nothing. Remember the cost that I spoke of.

Membership into the Kingdom of G-d has it's benefits but one cannot ignore the work to be done that is expected of them.

Will you run into trouble as a witness to the word of G-d? Count on it. But than why should it be any different for us than it was for those that came before us.

Moses, Jeremiah, David and many others. Some lived out their lives in comfort, others just barely got by, and others paid for their witness of G-d and His truth with their lives.

Reading 1 Corinthians 9 Paul was called into question by those that refused to believe and obey the word of G-d. Paul was an apostle.

How often has Pastor Don advised us to disciple others, to bring them closer to having a heart for G-d by us witnessing to them. Many times.

Now what is the difference between a disciple and apostle. A disciple is defined in the Bible as a learner, one who entered into the fellowship of Yeshua's rabbinic

instruction. An apostle, in its literal sense, is an emissary. The word is derived from Ancient Greek ἀπόστολος, literally meaning "one who is sent off".

Though the Apostles were disciples, not all disciples became apostles.

Paul was an apostle, an apostle is one who is sent or commissioned, a witness with authority from G-d, to and for the word of G-d. An apostle is given authority and must therefore walk upright at all times not only before G-d, but also those seeking G-d.

Consider the difference between a pastor and one within the congregation.

Luke 12:48 But the one who unknowingly does things worthy of punishment will be beaten with few blows. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; and from him who has been entrusted with much, even more will be demanded.

We can break this verse into three groups.

1. But the one who unknowingly does things worthy of punishment will be beaten with few blows.

Someone seeking G-d, immature in the word of G-d, a baby feeding on milk.

2. From everyone who has been given much, much will be required; a mature Christian, a disciple of the word of G-d being able to witness to others in His ways and of His words but also learning more, never ceasing to learn.

3. And from him who has been entrusted with much, even more will be demanded. Those that have been commissioned and entrusted in performing the duty of a pastor, priest, minister, etc, are to lead others in the understanding of scripture to the best of their ability led by G-d. Without perverting scripture to gain what they desire. Sad to say some have taken that path of perversion for their own self gain.

The last four years have been really bad with the woke agenda and the doers of lawlessness, and at times more than one person may have been thinking come now Lord Jesus let it be over.

G-d isn't done with us yet, there are many more souls to be gathered unto Him before the harvest. He has given each one of us a purpose and has given us the tools and knowledge we need to help those that want to come out of the darkness. Be a witness of His word, of His truth, never give up, never back down and never surrender.

Seek those that want to learn of G-d's ways and the salvation of our Lord and Savior Yeshua. Be the light for the path of another. Amen, G-d Bless.

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