



Walking as a Witness

INTRODUCTION: All Christians are called to shine the light of Christ as a witness to those who are lost. However, for many believers their personal lifestyle hinders the brightness and effectiveness of their light. In this message, we learn three key instructions that will aid us in our witness to the world.

READ: 1 Peter 2:11-17

DISCUSSION:

1. Can you recall a time that a child humorously claimed something that you knew wasn't true? If so, answer the following questions:
 - a. What was the situation?
 - b. What did the child claim?
 - c. Why did you not believe their claim?
2. As believers in Jesus Christ we claim that He is our Lord and Savior. What do unbelievers examine in our lives to see if our claim is true? What are some evidences that a person is saved?
3. In your opinion, what are some reasons that unbelievers are turned off by Christianity? Are their reasons understandable?
4. What does it mean to "abstain from fleshly lusts?"
 - a. Why is this instruction important for Christians?
 - b. What impact will this have on our witness of Christ?
 - c. What will happen if we ignore this instruction?
5. Read Galatians 5:16-25 and answer these questions:
 - a. What are some of the outcomes of a life consumed by the "deeds of the flesh?"
 - b. What are the outcomes of a life that is led by the Holy Spirit?
6. According to Romans 6:13 what must we do in order to live above reproach?
7. In what ways does our attitude and behavior towards government and leaders impact our witness for Christ?
8. Read Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-15 and answer these questions:
 - a. Why is it difficult at times to submit to our leaders?
 - b. Why does God call us to submit?
 - c. What should be our motive in obeying our leaders?
9. According to 1 Peter 2:16-17, what should be the focus of our liberty in Christ?
 - a. What four people or groups are listed that we are to honor and love?
 - b. How does this further our witness for Christ?

TAKE IT WITH YOU: Walking as a witness is to live like a citizen of heaven and live differently than the world around us.

READING LIST:

Monday: Galatians 5:13-25 / **Tuesday:** 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 / **Wednesday:** Romans 6:11-23 / **Thursday:** Matthew 5:11-16 / **Friday:** Philippians 2:12-16 / **Saturday:** Romans 13:1-7 / **Sunday:** Titus 2:7-8; 3:1-8