

Adventures with A Tract

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Hello! This is Dorothy -

Have you noticed how we all fall into the trap of saying some ‘in’ word? We do not realize it, but before we know it, we are all saying the same word. A few years ago, everybody was saying everything was *fantastic*. Now, so often people talk about the *kids* and then there is the *guys*, and that could be man or woman. Before you know it, we take on a language which we caught from others, and it is a key word so that somehow, we seem to understand what the other one is communicating. In the Bible, there is a key word that the Lord said before His crucifixion, after His resurrection, and prior to His ascension. The ascension is when He went up to Heaven. You see that key word is *witness*..Do you like the word, *witness*, or do you feel guilty? **Acts chapter 5, verse 32** says - **And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Spirit.** In **John 15:26**, we know that . . . **the Spirit of truth . . . shall testify of me.**

You know, when I first became a Christian, somebody said, “You should witness!” So I bought these few tracts. I remember going on a bus in London, and I was passing them to certain people and just praying at the same time. Nobody would say a word to me; they would just quietly take them as I handed them out. I could get off the bus

and I would feel I had done my thing called “witnessing!” Perhaps you have been in that fix. You know you should say something, but you are all but explaining to people that they do not really have to answer and you think, “Well, I’ve done it and that is it!” I remember on other occasions doing something, but it was very much me doing it, because I knew I should and I was obligated to, but somehow, when it came to looking at these terrible, evil-looking faces who just stared back at me, I wanted to die inside! You have had that feeling when you have tried to confess the Lord. It just does not come out and there is something missing.

You see it is this verse - ***the Spirit of truth*** - *that is God the Holy Spirit*. He is going to do the testifying; the problem is we are trying to do it. So often we do not realize He is letting us feel like this inside, because He is dying to do it! He wants to do it! It is His joy to uplift Jesus Christ. It is the work of the Holy Spirit to constantly bear witness of Christ and His finished work to the world of sinful and sinning men. Now you might be out there thinking, “The last thing they need is to hear my testimony, ” but when you witness of the Lord Jesus, it is the only hope they have. You know, when the Holy Spirit does this work, He does it in such a way that the saving power and the work of Christ brings that conviction even after we have gone. We don’t know, when we meet any person, all the work of God in their life. We weren’t around beforehand, so we don’t know.

I remember talking to a doctor once, who always laughed and ridiculed when I came near. One day, I realized he only was like this when he was with me. Therefore, I took the opportunity to ask him what he was trying to get away from. Obviously, he must have known what I was going to say about the Lord, so when had he decided to deny what the Lord was saying? I realized he must know more about what I was saying than what he had let on. That man, I remember to this day, became very white! Consequent conversations showed that he had been involved in things which were totally Christian, but he had never truly been born of the Spirit of God. All the time, he knew he was fighting the Spirit of the living God.

Now what about you? Perhaps you are in that state that you feel you cannot witness, because there is no life. You are like the doll that looks like the baby, but it is not really a baby; it has no life in it. You have tried to say the right thing and be the right thing, but you cannot be. It is a very simple solution. You cannot express life, if life is not within you. That life is in Christ Jesus and He is wanting you to receive Him. When you receive Him, you are born of the Spirit of the Lord and it is the Spirit of the Lord who does that work. Do not take on the job of the Holy Spirit! The Holy Spirit can do it very well without you or without me!

Witnessing is the main work of the whole Church in the whole world

throughout the whole age. In **Matthew 28**, we read –

18 Jesus came and he spake unto them, saying, All power - *all power!* -is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

19 Go ye therefore - *that is you and me* - and teach all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit:

20 Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world - *the age*. Amen.

The **Go ye** is a command to each Christian and to all the Church. But you say, “If I go, what do I say?” I suggest you send for the little tract, *Hope for the Hopeless*. If you have a few of those tracts in your pocket, start to ask God to bless them, anoint them, and talk to people. Read it over with them. There is a little prayer at the end to help you pray with them. You will be amazed. The Holy Spirit will do the work through you, and people will come to know the Lord Jesus. Do write about that today. We are listening for you. *God bless.*