



Jesus Christ, our All in all
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Do not bear false witness, part 3

**'You are our epistle written in our hearts,
known and read by all men' 2 Corinthians 3:2**

How can we be true witnesses to Christ?

#5 Oppose false teachings and myths (1Tm 1:3-4)

- † *'Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits' 1 Jn 4:1*
- † *'Some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, speaking lies in hypocrisy, commanding to abstain from foods which God created to be received with thanksgiving by those who believe and know the truth' (1 Tm 4:1-3)*
- † **Screwtape says *'What we want, if men become Christians at all, is to keep them in the state of mind I call 'Christianity And'. You know—Christianity and the Crisis, Christianity and the New Psychology, Christianity and the New Order, Christianity and Faith Healing, Christianity and Psychical Research, Christianity and Vegetarianism, Christianity and Spelling Reform. If they must be Christians let them at least be Christians with a difference. Substitute for the faith itself some fashion with a Christian coloring' C S Lewis***
- † **The people of Israel demanded a king as the trend is with the pagans, although they were warned that it is not for their good (1 Sam 8)**
 - **The king in the pagan world was regarded as god, a form of idolatry**
 - *'they have forsaken Me and served other gods' 1 Sam 8:8b*
 - **They preferred a king to prophets and men of prayer**

#6 'Be angry, and do not sin' Eph 4:26a

- † *'Love must be sincere. Hate what is evil' Rom 12:9*
- † **When the people rejected Samuel, he went directly to his Lord, the source of Wisdom and Comfort**

† Any rejection of God's people is a rejection of God Himself. *'for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them'* 1 Sam 8:7

† *'He who hears you hears Me, he who rejects you rejects Me, and he who rejects Me rejects Him who sent Me'* Lk 10:16

#7 Do not talk nonsense

† *'Avoid godless chatter, because those who indulge in it will become more and more ungodly'* 2 Tm 2:16

† *'Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers'* Eph 4:29

† Samuel tries his utmost to explain the love of God to the people and the harm a king will do to them

† When the conversation led nowhere, he dismissed them

#8 Be humble in a truthful and repentant way

† *'Even though I was once a blasphemer and a persecutor and a violent man, I was shown mercy because I acted in ignorance and unbelief'* Saint Paul in 1 Tim 1:13

† Repentance reveals God's great mercy

† *'I am molded in sin; 'I was brought forth in iniquity'. My hope, me a sinner, is in the mercy of Christ only'* Charles Malik

#9 Live Christ

† Through your actions. *'Watch your life and doctrine closely. Persevere in them, because if you do, you will save both yourself and your hearers'* (1Tm 4:16 NIV)

† Through your words. *'Do not be ashamed to confess the Word'* 2 Tm 2:15

- At all times *'be prepared in season and out of season;*
- *correct, rebuke and encourage—with great patience and careful instruction'* 2 Tm 4:2

† Living Christ is obeying Him closely in the details of our ordinary life

- Noah had faith in every word the Lord said (*Gen 6:9*)
- He believed what seemed not only highly improbable, but absolutely impossible (*Gen 6:13–22*)
- He believed and preached even though he was alone and no one listened to him

- He believed and obeyed even if that meant complete separation from the world. *'Thus Noah did; according to all that God commanded him, so he did'* Gen 6:22

#10 Make use of every second to show the virtues of the Master

- ✝ *'But when it pleased God, who separated me from my mother's womb and called me through His grace, 16 to reveal His Son in me, that I might preach Him among the Gentiles'* Gal 1:15-16a

Let us be encouraged by the 'cloud of witnesses'

- ✝ In Hebrews 11, Saint Paul names all the men of faith in the Old Testament and their great acts. Referring to them he says *'Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith'* Heb 12:1-2
- ✝ *'This is the cloud of witnesses who look at us closely, we the living. Is there any depth they did not go to? Is there any height they did not ascend to?.....[This cloud of witnesses] is not found in any other culture'* Charles Malik

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2. Unless otherwise noted, all Biblical passages referenced are from the New King James Version

Legend

 Refers to mandatory readings

Verse to memorize

'For you will be His witness to all men of what you have seen and heard'
Acts 22:15

In my Prayer and Faith Autobiography Book

God acts

- ✝ Christ witnessed to the Father?

My reaction

- ✝ Am I, like the cloud of witnesses, witnessing to Christ?

✠ Am I being an epistle to every person the Lord puts on my way?

During the coming week, let us pray expectantly

1. seeking the Lord's will to be done in Lebanon
2. for CrossTalk to find a locale
3. for David, Gisele, Habib and Karim
4. to become more of saints and less of sinners
5. to seek the Lord in every word I say, every act I do and every thought I think
6. to help in building His Kingdom by building His Church on earth
7. to deny ourselves, carry our cross and follow Him
8. to thank Him for creating us and each one around us, on His image and likeness, and choosing us to reveal His splendor
9. to all the sick, namely Marie
10. to all those in prison
11. to the unity of the Christians
12. to one another to be honest and not lack integrity
13. to put all that we have in the Lord's hands trusting His management
14. to all the Christians who are being persecuted, and to those who are persecuting them
15. to all families, that the Lord unites the parents together in His Name and stops all fights
16. to the situation in Lebanon, the region, and the whole world

During this coming week, we will lift the Maronite Church in prayer

الصلاة الربانية

أبانا الَّذِي فِي السَّمَوَاتِ
لِيَتَقَدَّسَ إِسْمُكَ
لِيَأْتِ مَلَكُوتُكَ
لِيَكُنْ مَشِيئَتُكَ
كَمَا فِي السَّمَاءِ
كَذَلِكَ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ
أَعْطِنَا خَبْرَنَا كِفَايَتَ يَوْمِنَا
وَاعْزُزْ لَنَا ذَنْوِنَا وَخَطَايَانَا
كَمَا نَحْنُ نَعْرِضُ
لِمَنْ حَطَى إِلَيْنَا
وَلَا تُدْخِلْنَا فِي التَّجَارِبِ
لَكِنْ نَجِّنَا مِنَ الشَّرِّيرِ
لَأَنَّ لَكَ الْمَلِكِ وَالْقُوَّةَ
وَالْمَجْدَ
إِلَى أَبَدِ الْأَبَدِينَ. آمِينَ

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