

## *The Message Notes*

**Series:** Making of a Disciple

**Message:** Your ***Witness*** and the ***Gospel***

**Scripture:** I Timothy 1:15-17



**TEXT: 1 Timothy 1:15.** This is a trustworthy saying, and everyone should accept it: “Christ Jesus came into the world to **save sinners**”- and I am the **worst** of them all. **16.** But God had **mercy** on me so that Christ Jesus could use me as a **prime example** of his **great patience** with even the worst sinners. Then others will **realize** that they, too, can **believe** in him and **receive eternal life**. **17.** All **honor** and **glory** to God forever and ever! He is the **eternal** King, the unseen one who never dies; he alone is God. **Amen.** (NLT)

### **TALK:**

#### **Review: Making of a Disciple**

**Disciples** of Christ **listen**, to **learn** the teachings of Christ, so they can become **loyal followers** and **proclaimers** of the gospel.

1. The **Call:** God **chose** us in Christ **before** we were **born**. He **called us out** when it **pleased** Him, to **reveal** His Son to us, so we can be **followers** and **proclaimers** of the gospel of Christ. *Your Purpose.*

2. The **Conversion:** You heard the gospel, you **repented** from sin, you **reconciled** with God, and you became a follower of Jesus Christ by **regeneration**. *Your Testimony.*

3. The **Commitment:** You **exchange** your life for **Christ’s life** by faith, so you can do His works and receive **blessings** on earth and **rewards** in heaven on Judgment Day. *Your Application*

**Message:** Your ***Witness*** and the ***Gospel***

#### **Introduction:**

“Your **witness** and the **gospel** go together when it comes to **connecting** people with Christ to become Christ followers.”

“Your **witness** is your **testimony** of Christ (your detailed knowledge and experiences about Christ).”

“Jesus **commanded** the **Apostles** to give their **eyewitness** testimony concerning His death, burial, and resurrection.” **Reference:** Acts 1:8

“We’re commanded to give our **faith** testimony concerning our trust in Christ by His Spirit living within us. **Reference:** John 20:29

### Points to the message:

1. It's \_\_\_\_\_ – your testimony about Christ is personal but so **compelling** you can't hold back from sharing it **publicly** with others.
  - v.15. I am the worst of sinners
  - v. 16. God had mercy on me -- use me as a prime example of his great patience – worst of sinners
  - others will realize that they, too, can believe in him and receive eternal life
  - v.17. all honor and glory to God forever and ever!

### Questions:

- a) What **event** led you to seek Christ?
- b) How is your life **radically** changed since following Christ?
- c) How did Christ **reveal** Himself to you?

Reference: John 4:40-42

2. It's \_\_\_\_\_ – the testimony of your lifestyle **B.C.** and **A.C.** must be **consistent** to **validate** the **truthfulness** of your testimony. References: 1 Timothy 1:12-14, I Corinthians 6:9-11
  - a) You **repented** from sin
  - b) You **reconciled** with God
  - c) You're **reborn** in Christ (new person)

### Questions:

- a) Is your testimony about Christ believable?
- b) Did you ever repent from sin?
- c) How do you handle your faith crisis?

3. It leaves a \_\_\_\_\_ – your witness creates a **craving** or a **bent** to know more about **Christ** and the **gospel**.

**Matthew 11:28.** Then Jesus said, “**Come to me**, all of you who are **weary** and **carry heavy** burdens, and I will give **you rest**. **29.** Take my yoke upon you. Let me teach you, because I'm humble and gentle at heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

“You must make Christ **approachable** and **touchable** when **witnessing**.”

### Question: Your Testimony:

1. Is it **desirable**?
2. Is it **believable**?
3. Is it **attainable**?

**NEXT WEEK: The Gospel**