

We Are Witnesses!

Witnessing comes from the recognition that our life is a miracle--it's sharing a sense of awe and wonder! We are all witnesses (whether we volunteered for the job or not). Bible students generally agree that there are at least three basic types of witness:

1. The witness of religious truth--telling others what God desires for them to know.
2. The witness of social conscience--sharing with others what God wants us to do.
3. The witness of integrity--being who God wants each of us to be.

Gandhi taught, "The rose does not propagate its perfume. It just is."

The story is told of an Easterner who walked into a Western saloon and was amazed to see a dog sitting at a table playing poker with three men. He asked, "can that dog really play cards?" One of the men answered, "Yeah, but he aint much of a player. Whenever he gets a good hand, he wags his tail" (Quoted in Streiker, 1992).

Witnessing grows from the recognition that our life is a miracle. Share the awe! Don't be afraid to wag your tail!

One Sunday, on their way home from church, a little girl turned to her mother and said, "Mommy, the preacher's sermon this morning confused me." The mother said, "Oh, why is that?" The little girl replied, "Well, he said that God is bigger than we are. Is that true?" The mother replied, "Yes, that's true, honey." "And he also said that God lives in us. Is that true?" Again the mother replied, "Yes." "Well," said the little girl, "If God is bigger than us and he lives in us, wouldn't He show through?"

We must have faith to be able to share it. It takes love to make love. The power of God's Spirit is here and now--in our midst and in our lives. And we are his witnesses!

May God grow us in the joyful witness of integrity!

Blessings,

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