

Sharing Christ

The more you come to realise what Christ has done for you, the more you will want to share with others the Good News about Him.

As Christians we are to be friends to others for Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17-20 [NIV] *“Therefore” [as a response to Christ’s Love and Sacrifice for us] “if anyone is in Christ he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come! All this is from God, who reconciled us to Himself through Christ and **gave us the ministry of reconciliation** that God was reconciling the world to Himself in Christ, not counting men’s sins against them. And **He has committed to us the message of reconciliation**. We are therefore Christ’s ambassadors.”*

2 Corinthians 5:14 [NIV] *“For Christ’s Love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died.”*

As a response the Love God has shown He has for us through Jesus Christ, we should all “die” **John 15:13** *“Greater love has no-one than this, that he lay down his life for his friends.”* We should be willing to lay down our life, our time, for others, to help bring those separated from God by sin back to God through faith in Christ.

There is more to sharing Christ than using a few scriptures.....

The Hand of God in Sharing Christ

Scripture is very important in our job of reconciling others to God through Christ but other things must be involved.

a) Our lives

This job of reconciliation involves every aspect of our waking lives; every moment, every thought, every action, must have this one goal in mind.

Our lives are a major part of our witness. Philip (one of the early witnesses in the Body of Christ on earth, we His Church), was well known for his Christian character [**Acts 6:3-5**]

Our lives should be like a letter from Christ that others can read.

2 Corinthians 3:2-3 [NIV] *“You yourselves are our letter, written on our hearts, known and read by everybody. You show that you are a letter from Christ, the result of our ministry, written not with ink but with the Spirit of the Living God, not on tablets of stone but on tablets of human hearts.”*

b) The Holy Spirit

Acts 8:26-35 [NIV] Here we have an example of the Holy Spirit prompting Philip to certain actions that placed him in a position where he could introduce someone to what God had done for them through Jesus Christ.

c) The Hand of God

Pray for opportunities to share the Gospel with others. **Then expect God to help you tell someone about Jesus today. Be ever alert to the prompting of God through the Holy Spirit in your mind.** It could be but a fleeting thought which could easily fade if we don’t act instantly on it.

Sharing the Word [the Gospel]

1 Corinthians 15:1-4 [NIV] *“Now brothers, I want to remind you of the Gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken a stand. By this Gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain. For what I received I passed onto you as of first importance: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that He was buried, that He was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures.”*

Romans 1:16 [NIV] *“I am not ashamed of the Gospel, because it is the Power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes.”*

1. God’s Word is a seed

Through which we are born again to a new life in Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 1:23 [NIV] *“For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring Word of God.”*

2. God Blesses the planting of His Word

Isaiah 55:11 *“So is My Word that goes out from My Mouth: it will not return to Me empty, but will accomplish what I desire and achieve the purpose for which I sent it.”*

3. We can all plant seed

1 Corinthians 3:6-7 *“I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God made it grow. So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God, who makes things grow.”*

Sharing with Power

We aren’t alone when sharing the Gospel.

2 Timothy 1:6-7 [NIV] *“I remind you to fan into flame the Gift of God, which is in you, through the laying on of my hands. For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and of self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord.”*

The Holy Spirit will:-

1. Teach us God’s Word and refresh our memories.

John 14:26 [NIV] *“But the counsellor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.”*

2. Help us to speak with authority.

Matthew 10:19-20 [NIV] *“Do not worry about what to say or how to say it. At that time you will be given what to say, for it will not be you speaking, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.”*

3. Give power to our witness.

Acts 1:8 [NIV] *“But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you, and you will be my witnesses to the ends of the earth.”*

4. Will give us unrefutable wisdom.

Acts 6:9-10 “Men began to argue with Stephen, but they could not stand up against his wisdom or the spirit by whom he spoke.”

5. Will guide us in using God’s Word as a two-edged sword

Ephesians 6:17 [NIV] “The Sword of the Spirit, which is the Word of God.”

Hebrews 4:12 [NIV] “For the Word of God is living and active, sharper than any double-edged sword. It penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow, it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.”

Pray daily to be filled and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Plan for Sharing

To plant the seed, there has to be soil. The seed of the Gospel needs a human heart [mind]. But how do we prepare a human heart [mind] to receive the seed of God’s Word?

John 1:41 [NIV] “The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, ‘we have found the Messiah’ [that is Christ].”

Here is the plan “Operation Andrew”

- 1. List several people you know who are not Christian friends, neighbours, or people at work.

Name	Name
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- 2. Pray regularly that God will open doors for you to witness to them.
- 3. Do things for and with these people to show that you care. Build a friendship by showing Christ’s Love over a period of time.
- 4. Let them come to know that you are a practising Christian.
- 5. Be ready at any time to give a simple but sincere reply to any question they ask about your faith as a Christian.
- 6. Ask if they would like to come with you to a meeting where you learn more about being a practising Christian and with others worship God in song, prayer and fellowship.
- 7. Share with them the booklet “God’s purpose for you”.