

**MEMORY VERSE:** "The Lord God has given Me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him who is weary. He awakens Me morning by morning, He awakens My ear to hear as the learned." Isaiah 50:4, NKJV

## LESSON STUDY INTRO

This week's lesson examines our responsibility to be winsome witnesses to the world around us.

### 1. Our witness is being witnessed (Sab, Wed, Thu)

- As Christians, we are on display for all to see. (see 1 Cor. 4:9; Heb. 13:2)
  - Some of those watching don't know us but are nonetheless impressed—for better or for worse—by our conduct.
    - **For Better:** Dt. 4:5-7; Col. 4:5, 6; Phil. 2:14, 15; Mt. 5:16
    - **For Worse:** Gen. 15:18; 34:30; see Sabbath's lesson
  - Others know us very well and are our consistent kindness and godly example is a winsome reflection of Christ (1 Pet. 3:1, 2).
    - "The testimony of your life, your actions, your words, and your prayers for your spouse or child who has walked away from God can radically change their lives and future." Qtly, Thu, par 3

No other influence that can surround the human soul has such power as the influence of an unselfish life. The strongest argument in favor of the gospel is a loving and lovable Christian. MH 470 (Qtly, Thu, par 3)

### 2. Every true disciple is a missionary (Sun, Mon, Fri)

- Our motivation for soul-winning labor is the love of Christ in our hearts.
  - "The love of Christ compels us..." (2 Cor. 5:14)

When self is merged in Christ, love springs forth spontaneously. The completeness of Christian character is attained when the impulse to help and bless others springs constantly from within. COL 384

- The Great Commission is a command to every believer (Mt. 28:18-20; Rev. 22:17).

Among those to whom the Saviour had given the commission, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19), were many from the humbler walks of life—men and women who had learned to love their Lord and who had determined to follow His example of unselfish service. To these lowly ones, as well as to the disciples who had been with the Saviour during His earthly ministry, had been given a precious trust. They were to carry to the world the glad tidings of salvation through Christ. AA 105

### 3. Christ’s method alone will give true success (Mon, Tue)

- Jesus practiced and taught a multi-step, strategic method for winning souls.

Christ’s method alone will give true success in reaching the people. The Saviour mingled with men as one who desired their good. He showed His sympathy for them, ministered to their needs, and won their confidence. Then He bade them, “Follow Me.” MH 143

A study of the work of Christ reveals the true science of soul-saving. 19LtMs, Ms 28, 1904

- This process of winning souls is akin to agriculture (see Is. 61:11):
  - **Prepare** the soil of the heart. (Lk 8:4-8)
  - **Sow** the seed of truth. (Ecc. 11:4-6; Is. 30:20; 2 Cor. 9:6)
  - **Cultivate** with ongoing Bible study. (1 Pet. 2:2, 3)
  - **Harvest** decisions to follow Christ. (Ps. 126:5, 6)
  - **Preserve** new believers through systematic discipleship. (Is. 55:10, 11)

## CONCLUSION

“When God’s love and His living, powerful Word fill our daily lives, we will be compelled to love and share Him with those around us. We should be prayerful, thoughtful, and intentional about witnessing, believing that His Word, which goes forth from His mouth, shall not return to Him void, but it shall accomplish what He pleases, and it shall prosper in the things for which He sent it.” Qttly Fri, par 6