

## "I Love To Tell The Story"

### **Are You Telling Of Jesus?**

Preachers, teachers, fellow members remind us to tell about Jesus

Mostly we do – We invite, discuss Bible topics, talk with our children, help spread through various media

But what story are we telling in our daily activities?

Are we “showing forth Christ” in our attitude and action each day?

Can others see a difference in us from those of the world? - **2Corinthians 6:17**

Can we please God when we live as a part of the world?

Children of God must be separate even in our daily life - **1Peter 2:11-12**

Some have gone so far as to physically separate, or at least severely limit their connection with society.

Though some have seen limited success, it is almost impossible to remain completely separated from the world around us.

Scripture never requires such complete isolation.

In fact, we are required to interact with those of the world while remaining separate from its influence - **John 17:15-18**

### **How Do We Do This?**

We must follow God’s instruction and live differently from the world - **Titus 2:12**

We must live as a servant of God, with Christ living in us - **Galatians 2:20**

Start the day with prayer

Ask God to help you show Christ in your attitude and action

We should stand out as different from the worldly around us

### **Consider A Few Specific Areas We Might Address**

#### **Home**

What story do we tell our family? – Thankful and ready to show Christ to the world? Or grumpy, upset, mad at the world, when you arise?

Each morning represents a new opportunity to show Christ to the world

#### **Commute**

What story do we tell those on the road with us? – Courteous and kind? Willing to forgive?

Obedient to laws? Or vengeful, superiority, selfish?

The righteous will always demonstrate an obedient, forgiving heart.

#### **Vocation/School/Retirement**

What story do we tell those around us daily? – Obedient and thankful for opportunities? Concern for their well-being? Ready to do whatever work you have been assigned? Honest and dependable? Or lazy and always seeking a way out of assignments? Using any “rung” to climb to the top? Only interested in your own benefit?

Do they see you are first and foremost devoted to serving God? – Overtime that interferes with worship? Willing to “fudge” for the company?

Do they know you are a Christian? – Would they think of you when they have religious questions?

Do they stop their course speech when you come around?

Do you see them as potential study candidates? – Would they come to you to learn of Christ?

Everyone needs to hear the story of Jesus!

#### **Personal Dealings**

Do you give good measure, pressed down and running over? - **Luke 6:38**

Our increase must not come at the expense of those dealing with us.

God has always given more than we asked - **Romans 5:8**

Others deserve the same attitude from us

#### **Recreation**

What story do we tell when we take time to play or rest? – Faithfulness to God and His work?

Moral, upright and righteous in all our activities? Or this is my time to let loose and experience life like the rest of the world? I can let my guard down and just be like everyone else? I need a rest from God also?

Is the story of Jesus showing when we miss services for ball practice/game? Can others see Jesus in us in our worldly attire?

Just a few of the areas we must watch closely to make certain we are telling the story of Jesus.

We should always strive to "Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in me." Is it?

### **We Must Let Christ Work In Us**

Others must see Jesus in our life - **1Peter 3:1-2**

Make sure you "tell the story," the story of the Gospel that leads to salvation of the soul.

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