

[Other Scriptures and references: John 12:42 and 19:29-40; F. Schneider, *Evangelism for the Fainthearted*, Chapter 7]

10. Our Indebtedness To Witness For Christ: Our Testimony:

Study Scriptures: “For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid on me; yes, woe is to me, if I preach not the gospel!”
1 Corinthians 9:16; “One thing I know, that, whereas I was blind, now I see.” John 9:25.

[Other Scripture references: 2 Timothy 1:12; John 3:11-12; Romans 1:14-17; Luke 8:39; DJ Kennedy, *Evangelism Explosion*, Chapter Four]

11. Preparation Of The Witness: Training, Practice, Practice & Practice: Just Do It:

Study Scriptures: “Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a workman who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.”
2 Timothy 2:15. “Now when they saw the boldness of Peter and John, and perceived that they were unlearned and ignorant men, they marvelled; and they took knowledge of them, that they had been with Jesus.” Acts 4:13

[Other Scripture references: Mark 6:31; Mark 9:29; 2 Timothy 4:13; F. Schneider, *Evangelism for the Fainthearted*, Chapters 4, 8 and 14, DJ Kennedy, *Evangelism Explosion*, Chapters Two & Three]

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Fruitfulness of Discipleship

“I am the True Vine, and my Father is the Farmer. Every branch in me that bears not fruit He takes away: and every branch that bears fruit, He purges it, that it may bring forth more fruit. Herein is my Father glorified, that you bear much fruit; so shall you be My disciples.”

John 15:1-2, 8

1. Fruitfulness/Partnership In Married Life

Study Scripture: “Husbands, likewise, dwell with them with understanding, giving honor to the wife, as to the weaker vessel, and as being heirs together of the grace of life, that your prayers may not be hindered.” 1 Peter 3: 7

[Other Scriptures and references: Ephesians 5: 22-33; Colossians 3:18-19; MacDonald, *Disciple’s Manual*, Chapter 39]

2. Parenting – Bringing Your Children To Christ

Study Scripture: “and that from childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, thoroughly equipped for every good work.” 1 Timothy 3:15-17

[Other Scriptures and references: Ephesians 6:4; Psalm 119:9; Proverbs 22:6; MacDonald, *Disciple’s Manual*, Chapter 40]

3. Using Your Home For Christ/Witnessing

Study Scripture: “Now a certain Jew named Apollos, born at Alexandria, an eloquent man and mighty in the Scriptures, came to Ephesus. This man had been instructed in the way of the Lord; and being fervent in spirit, he spoke and taught accurately the things of the Lord, though he knew only the baptism of John. So he began to speak boldly in the synagogue. When Aquila and Priscilla heard him, they took him aside and explained to him the way of God more accurately. Acts 18:24-26

[Other Scriptures and references: Romans 16:3-5, 1 Corinthians 16:19, Hebrews 13:1-2]

4. **Witnessing To Your Own People/Friends**

Study Scripture: “However, Jesus did not permit him, but said to him, Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. And he departed and began to proclaim in Decapolis all that Jesus had done for him; and all marveled.” Mark 5:19-20

[Other Scriptures and references: Matthew 8:28-29; Luke 8:26-39]

5. **Witnessing At Work**

Study Scripture: “Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. 1 Peter 2:18-20

[Other Scriptures and references: Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:15;]

6. **Reaching Out (Communicating) To The Community; Building Bridges:**

Study Scripture: “But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased.” Hebrews 13:16

[Other Scriptures and references: Matthew 5:13-17; 1 Timothy 6:18; Matthew 14:13-21; Titus 2:4; F. Schneider, Evangelism for the Fainthearted, Chapter 2-3]

7. **Building Bridges: Giving**

Study Scripture: “Jesus answered them and said, Truly, truly, I say to you, You seek me, not because you saw the miracles, but because you did eat of the loaves, and were filled.” John 6:26

[Other Scriptures and references: Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:15; F. Schneider, Evangelism for the Fainthearted, Chapter 5, DJ Kennedy, Evangelism Explosion, Chapter One]

8. **Building Bridges: Asking In Order To Give**

Study Scripture: “Jesus answered and said to her, If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that said to you, Give me to drink; you would have asked of him, and he would have given you living water.” John 4:10

[Other Scriptures and references: Romans 1:16; 2 Timothy 2:15; F. Schneider, Evangelism for the Fainthearted, Chapter 6]

9. **Dealing With A Fearful But Sincere Seeker**

Study Scripture: “There was a man of the Pharisees named Nicodemus, a ruler of the Jews. This man came to Jesus by night and said to Him, Rabbi, we know that You are a teacher come from God; for no one can do these signs that You do unless God is with him. Jesus answered and said to him, “Most assuredly, I say to you, unless one is born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God.” John 3:1-3, 4-20

