

Life in Color #2

Joy in a Christian Witness

Word

Scripture Reference

Philippians 1:12-18

Discussion Questions

1. Name a person whose Christian testimony has impressed you. What aspect of that person's life had particularly blessed you?
2. Read Philippians 1:12-18. Paul's imprisonment was a testament that no situation is not under God's control. Discuss how being in prison affected Paul's ministry and the furtherance of the gospel (v.12-14).
3. The passage teaches us about three aspects of a Christian witness. The first is that each member of God's family should be a witness of godliness. Do people around you at home, at work or in school know that you are a Christian? How do you stand out because of your godly character? How would you feel if someone tells you that you remind him of Christ?
4. The second aspect of a Christian witness is that he/she motivates others towards Christ-like living. Paul's imprisonment was an encouragement to those who were afraid to stand up for Christ (v. 14). How does your testimony bless and motivate others to draw near to God?
5. Ponder on these 5 questions as you look at your Christian testimony (from John Sutherland Bonnell):
 - (a) Does my life witness each day to the power of the risen Christ?
 - (b) Does my faith in Christ affect the quality of my daily living, so that there adheres to it a nobility and moral strength?
 - (c) Is there anything in my life that reminds men and women of the Master to whom I have pledged my allegiance?
 - (d) Is there any discernible difference at all in my life as contrasted with the lives of those who never acknowledged Jesus as Lord and Savior? (See Matthew 5:46-48)

(e) Do I manifest in the midst of this fevered generation a serenity of spirit which reveals that the peace of God is dwelling in my heart?

6. The third aspect of a Christian witness is a witness towards a singular objective of preaching Christ in how we live. You may not be eloquent in verbally sharing the Word of God, but your actions speak for yourself. The way you live your life every day spreads the fragrance of Jesus Christ. In what way does your life tell others about your Christian witness, especially to those who are directly in your sphere of influence like your employees, driver or house helper? What kind of God do others see by the way you treat people from different ages, walks of life, ethnicity, etc.? How does understanding the way God sees people help you to be a good witness to them?
7. People are naturally drawn to you when your joy as a witness for Jesus Christ shows. Share with the group how your joy as a Christian became a catalyst for your circle of family and friends to draw near to God.

Walk

The world is watching you. Who are you behind the closed doors of your room when no one sees you? Do you live a double life—a great Christian at church, but with a questionable testimony at home, in school or at work? How does consistency in Christian living define who you really are?

Worship & Prayer

Join the Corporate Prayer Time every Friday, 7:15-8:00pm at the Balcony

Pray for...

- Joy in the Lord to be GCCP's testimony.
- Healing and salvation for Francesca Dy, PT, LL (lung cancer), Irine Chua, Christina Chin, Nora Dy, Anita Lim.
- Grace and mercy for ailing Pedro Dyloco; and Betty. Strength for their loved ones.
- For Joyce and family to walk with God.
- Salvation of Mr. Co Ti and family.
- Fruitful GCC Seniors Retreat. For all the students to anchor their lives in Christ. Wisdom, strength and protection for everyone in the retreat.