

Christian Fellowship Center Foundation Series

"If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?" Ps 11:3

Kingdom Living Series

UNIT: Personal Evangelism and the Great Commission

Part 4: An effective Ambassador

This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words.—1 Corinthians 2:13

1. The 4 C's of an Effective Ambassador

Scripture: 1 Peter 3:15,16

C: Conversion—"Sanctify the Lord in your heart"

- a personal encounter with Christ
- an ongoing relationship is the starting point

C: Character: "Sanctify the Lord God in your hearts...with meekness and fear...having a good conscience"

- We need the fruit of the Spirit in our lives, else we run the risk of the message being rejected because of our poor witness
- Your story is the story of Christ at work in you

C: Content: "Be ready to give a defense (greek: apologia; 'answer')

- Know why you believe what you believe; have your personal testimony ready; know your audience/culture.
- What are the things they struggle with in coming to Christ?
- How can you be prepared to meet them with relevant answers?

C: Communication—"Give a defense"

- It's not "given" until you actually step out and speak/communicate.
- You can have a bright lamp, but if it's under a bushel, it doesn't provide light.

2. The Power in Kingdom Communication

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 2:13

Power in Conversations

- God guides conversations
- Gifts of the Spirit
 - Words of Knowledge
 - Words of Wisdom

Power against the enemy

Power in Truth

- The very message has heavenly origins
- The Scripture has a power not of this world
- What we speak; we did not make up