

Led of the Spirit

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A.W. Tozer emphasizes the necessity of being spirit-filled witnesses for Christ in order to effectively share the Gospel.

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Scripture: Matthew 28:19-20, Luke 24:34, John 14:16-17, Acts 1:8, Romans 1:16, Ephesians 2:10, 2 Timothy 1:7

Topics: "Spirit Led"

Description

In this sermon, the preacher emphasizes the importance of being a witness for Christ. He highlights the role of the Holy Spirit in empowering believers to share their faith. The preacher discourages the reliance on books or methods on how to win souls, emphasizing the need for a genuine conversion and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. He also emphasizes the need for Christians to live a righteous life that exemplifies the message they proclaim. The sermon concludes with the reminder that being a witness for Christ is not just an obligation, but also a privilege.

Transcript

You have just as much burden lying on you to be a witness as Billy Graham has, or Charles King had, or as any other of the more celebrated leaders of that. You have that burden resting on you, and it's not only an obligation, it's a wonderful, wonderful privilege. Are you ashamed when you travel abroad to say, I'm a Canadian? Are you ashamed? No, you're not ashamed.

If you are, you ought to be ashamed. Am I ashamed, wherever I may be, to say I'm an American? No. Americans do things I'm ashamed of, but the human race does that.

But I'm not ashamed of my citizenship, and I am not ashamed of being a Christian. If your Christian witness is going to mean anything, you're going to have to live right and exemplify the life you're talking about. Moody told humorously of the man who staggered down the street and recognized Moody.

He came up to him, wheezing back and forth as if he was on a ship's deck in a storm, and grabbed Moody's hand and said, Mr. Moody, I'm one of your converts. Moody said, You look like one of mine. If God had converted you, you would be walking straight up instead of staggering.

He said, I must have made you a convert because God never did. He's right. That fellow is no witness.

What kind of witness could he give? I am a convert to Christ. A drunk man, a convert to the Holy Lord Jesus, who says he gives men sound minds? No. You see, we need the Blessed Holy Spirit, and we need to witness.

But don't think for a second that you're to be influenced by what I've said about witnessing tonight and determine, Well, starting Monday I'll be a witness. It doesn't work that way. Peter tried that one time, and the Lord said, No, tarry ye until ye be endued with powerful witnesses.

You can give your testimony, you can talk, you can let him have you, and he can clothe himself with you as he did with Gideon, and you can testify and witness, but it's the Holy Ghost in you, or it's no witness at all. So when I preach about the necessity for Christians to be spirit-filled Christians, it's not a theory that I'm giving you, it is not attempting to bring people into conformity to a certain interpretation of Scripture. It is an imperative that will not be denied.

Every individual here should be a witness, a testifier, somebody who goes to others and tells them that the Lord is risen indeed and has appeared unto Peter, and that that risen Lord has converted you, but you can't do it by yourself. No books on how to win souls are any good. Don't buy them.

The Holy Ghost is the best soul-winner there is in all the wide world, and if he comes in and takes over, he'll make you want to tell what has happened to you. You shall receive power. The question is, have we and do we? I don't think so, in any large measure nor in very many people, because if we had received power in the spirit of power rested upon us, we would be witnesses.

We would feel within us an urge to tell it. I am through for this evening, and I've simply given to you a little word about the necessity for individual witnesses to witness to Christ, to witness in the world in which you live.

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