

## WITNESS

We, the Disciples  
Reference: **Acts 1:8**  
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- I. When a witness in a court of law takes the stand, they make a solemn oath to "tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."
  - A. The witness is not to dilute or expand or interpret the truth. They are to just tell the plain truth.
  - B. We as believers are called to be witnesses in **Acts 1:8**.
  - C. Major differences in us and a witness in a court of law are:
    - Not only are we to TELL the truth, we are also to LIVE the truth. Reference: **James 1:22**
    - We never step down from the witness stand! Our testifying never ends! Reference: **Hebrews 12:1**
- II. Jesus's last words to his disciples were to speak with power to others about what they knew about Him.
  - A. God is divinely appointing his current disciples to be His witnesses today.
  - B. I hope you'll take your divine appointment to heart by inviting 3 people who need Jesus to meet you at the front door next Sunday.
- III. What is preventing you from fulfilling what God has appointed you to accomplish?
  - A. The first issue that prevents people from living up to their divine appointment is . . . POWER. (They don't have it!)
    1. The disciples were given everything they would need to accomplish the appointment that had God had given them.
      - a. Power means able, capable, ability.  
Reference: **Zechariah 4:6** (NCV), (ESV)
      - b. Supernatural empowering: The Holy Spirit was making what was . . .  
Impossible=Possible; Incapable=Capable;  
Disability=Ability

2. The same power that fueled Christ's ministry was being given to his disciples to fuel their ministries.
    - a. The Holy Spirit caused them to succeed in their task in that time.
    - b. Where God guided them, He provided for them!
  3. Many Christians live lives full of impossibilities, incapability and disabilities... POWERLESS!!!
    - a. God wants to fill you up!! Flow through you!
    - b. God can fill a short/tall/twisted vessel, but He WILL NOT EVER fill a dirty one!  
Reference: **Acts 2:38**
    - c. How do I get this gift? ASK!!!  
Reference: **Luke 11:13; Philippians 4:13**
  - B. The second issue that prevents people from living up to their divine appointment is a person.
    1. "You shall be" wasn't a suggestion, or command, but rather a divine appointment.
    2. Jesus did not suggest he would do all the work while the disciples remained totally passive.  
References: **Acts 4:8, 13**
- IV. We are to be witnesses for Jesus!
- A. Not all of God's people are called to be evangelist.  
Reference: **Ephesians 4:11**
  - B. All of God's people are called to be witnesses.
  - C. We can only witness about what we know.
    1. Maybe we don't witness because we don't have anything to say. (sin, spiritual lethargy)
    2. When we fall in love with Jesus, we can't help but testify to the love of Christ!

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