

THE TARGET OF OUR WITNESS

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Acts 4

The Bible has much to say about our witness. We've been commanded to ***"make disciples,"*** going to every place on earth, to all peoples ...

Prov. 11:30 -It is wise to win souls

James 5:20 -Winning souls covers a multitude of sins

-The greatest motivation for evangelism is God's command,
Matt 28:18-20; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48; John 15:27; Acts 1:8

The Book of Acts shows how seriously the NT church took this command. They boldly preached the gospel, even in the face of persecution.

I. THE OBJECTIVE OF OUR OBEDIENCE - *Reach the lost!*

1. The Target was "the people" (vv. 1-4) - lost people!
2. Their Testimony (vv. 8-10) was:
 - a. Clear
 - b. Consistent
 - c. Convicting

Important! - Acts 4:12, there is no other hope for man.

II. THE OPPORTUNITY OF OBEDIENCE- *Reach the lost, Regardless of the Cost!*

1. The Boldness of their Witness (vv. 13-17)
2. The Bravery of their Words (vv. 18-22)

III. THE OPERATION OF OBEDIENCE- *Reach the lost, regardless of the cost, relying on the Cross!*

They trusted fully in the Power of God! (vv. 23-31), such that they knew the effect of ...

1. The Word of God (v. 31)
2. The Work of the Holy Spirit (v. 31)
3. The Witness of the Believer (v. 33)

Practically they did several things that caused them to be a **soul-winning church...**

1 - They prayed!

2 - They preached!

A. Private Personal Witness -

B. Public Proclamation of the Word -

Questions for further study:

1. Who is the target of your witness? Do you believe your church is doing all that it should to reach the lost? How can your church do better?
2. What can you learn from the example of the Apostles in Acts 4?
3. Who are you praying for to be saved?
4. Who are you witnessing to?
5. Are you willing to commit to reaching at least one other person with the gospel of Christ? If not, why not?