

# Witnessing: Authentic Ways to Share Your Faith

## Executive Summary:

-Legitimate questions RE: witnessing @ work

- 1) Is it appropriate?
- 2) Is it legal?
- 3) How far can you go?
- 4) Shouldn't people find Christ outside of work?
- 5) Is there really a need?

5) -What do men typically need?

-A mistake to approach nonbelievers w/ assumption that they *NEED* Christ; if so, we will get frustrated because they don't "get it"

-Bottom line = people want what they want. Most non-Christians don't sense need for Christ

-Don't give up here; be alert to times in people's lives when they *DO* feel the need (i.e. crisis)

-Greatest possibility to witness comes when colleague face a major turning point in life

-Biblical Mandate:

-Matthew 10:32 "whoever acknowledges me before men, I will acknowledge him before my Father in heaven; But whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in Heaven"

-We are to witness everywhere and will receive power to do so (Acts 1:8)

2) US Bill of Rights; nothing legally prohibits you from being a witness for your faith in the workplace

-Demeanor of Witnessing @ Work:

-Paul's council (1 Corinthians 10:31 - 33)

-Do everything for God's glory (including your work)

-Avoid offending others, so you don't cause them to stumble

-Try to please everyone

-Don't seek your own good, but the good of many

-Remember: Goal is the salvation of many people

-Our lives speak more than our lips!

-No place for aggressively cornering people and wearing them down with your attention

-Francis of Assisi:

-Preach the Gospel at all times, and when necessary, use words

-Most excellent and dependable workers are best witnesses; they show how the values of God's kingdom intersect with the values of the business world

-Andrew Carnegie:

-"The older I get, the less I listen to what people say. I just watch what they do"

**Big Idea:** Have loud actions and a quiet voice

-Example of loud actions, quiet words is Chick-fil-A's stance of being closed on Sunday's

-Other behaviors we should avoid:

- 1) Don't proselytize
- 2) Don't use your employer's time
- 3) Don't discriminate against people who are not Christians
- 4) Avoid any appearance of doing evil

**Challenge:** Let your actions communicate your commitment to God. Then watch for the opportunity to speak your witness. Evangelism is simply taking someone as far as they want to go toward Jesus.