

**WEEK 11: THE FIVE-AND-FIVE PRINCIPLE—
FIVE YOU CAN WIN
BY WITNESSING
DAY 1: WHAT IT MEANS TO
WITNESS**

Read Acts 1:8; John 15:26-27.

FIVE YOU CAN WIN BY PRAYER ALONE!
FIVE YOU CAN WIN BY SHARING YOUR WITNESS!
That's the **Five-and-Five Principle**.

Keep for the rest of your life the ten fingers on your two hands full with people's names you are praying for and witnessing to. Always have **five people** you are **praying for** and **five people** you are **witnessing to**. You will find that witnessing to five and praying for five is a full-time job for a Christian!

The word **witness** comes from the Greek word **marturia**. The English word **martyr** also comes from this Greek word. Many of the first people to share a witness for Jesus Christ died for doing so. This gave the word *martyr* its meaning. But the basic meaning for this word is **"a person who gives proof."**

Witnessing is not preaching. *Witnessing* is not teaching the Bible. *Witnessing* is **giving proof or evidence**. You have accepted Christ as your Savior and Lord. He has come to live in

your life. You have prayed for His Spirit to control you. Your personality has changed because of Christ in your life. People who are around you can see the differences. **You are a witness**. You are living proof to people who are around you. *Witnessing* is not something **you do** as much as it is the result of Christ's living in you. His love is going through you to other people.

Jesus told His followers three things a little before He left earth in body and returned to heaven. He gave them a **claim**, a **command**, and a **promise**. All of these are found in **Matthew 28:18-20** (your new memory verses). You were given a hint last week. You might be able to write these verses here. Try to do it now. Copy it carefully from the Bible you are using for your memory verses if you can't write it from memory.

Now write an X beside the claim Jesus said in Matthew 28:18-20. You studied this claim last week when you were learning about the great **power** of prayer.

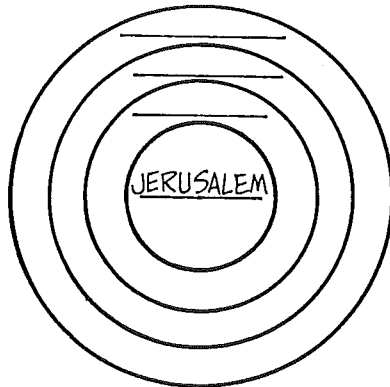
Did you find the **claim** Jesus gave to His followers? If so, you should also be able to find the **promise** Jesus gave in the last

part of those verses. Everything between the **claim** and the **promise** is the **command** Jesus gave to His followers. Sometimes it is called the **Great Commission**.

Another important **promise** and **command** Jesus gave to His followers a little before He left this earth is found in **Acts 1:8**. Read that verse now. What did Jesus say must happen before the followers started to witness?

Why was it necessary for Jesus' followers to **have the Holy Spirit**?

Jesus named some areas in Acts 1:8 where His followers were supposed to go to be witnesses in the **power from the Holy Spirit**. He started with Jerusalem, the city where they were at that time. Then He moved to areas farther away. Look at the four circles below. The middle circle is finished. Finish the other



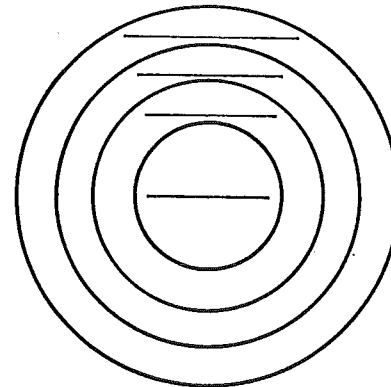
circles in the circles on the left, following Jesus' words about witnessing in Acts 1:8.

The **principle** of Jesus' teachings about witnessing are still the same today. Write the name of your city in the middle circle on the right. Write the name of your state in the next circle. Write the name of your country in the third circle. Write the same words as in the circle on the left on the last circle.

Read John 15:26-27. What relationship in these verses (as in Acts 1:8) is emphasized **before** your witnessing for Christ begins?

What do you think after you have studied Acts 1:8 and John 15:26-27 is the **one thing most important** required to become a witness for Christ?

IS GOD'S HOLY SPIRIT LIVING IN YOUR LIFE TODAY?



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**Day 2: CHRIST GIVES YOU
POWER**

Read Ephesians 5:18; Acts 2:1-18.

You have memorized many verses about the **Holy Spirit** since starting the SURVIVAL KIT. Two of the memory verses in Galatians 5 tell about your **new nature**. Can you write both of them here?

_____ (Gal. 5:16).

_____ (Gal. 5:22-23).

You also have learned other memory verses that tells us **God's Holy Spirit caused the Bible to be written**. Can you write these verses from memory?

_____ (2 Pet. 1:20-21).

Now read another verse you have read before (Eph. 5:18). Next read Acts 2:13-18. What two things are **compared** in both verses?

Both Ephesians 5:18 and Acts 23:13-18 compare **drinking wine** with **being filled by the Holy Spirit**. Now read the whole story in Acts 2:1-18. What was the **required thing** in the witnessing from the Christians?

Did you write that the **filling of the Holy Spirit** was the required thing? Now read carefully the two sentences below. Think again about Acts 2:1-18. Mark which sentence is right.

The Holy Spirit gave these people a new **inner experience**. He did not expect them to talk about it. It was enough for them to be a **silent witness**.

The first thing the Holy Spirit did after filling the people was to make it possible for them to **speak their witness** to people who were not saved so that all of the people could hear about Christ.

The right answer is easy! Try this one. What happens when a

person **drinks too much wine**?

_____ The person becomes quiet.

_____ The person talks a lot.

What happens when a person is **being filled with the Holy Spirit of Christ**?

Drinking wine and being filled with the Spirit are a good comparison. Both things cause people to **talk, not to be quiet**. What will witnessing involve for you as a person who has **Christ living in you** and controlling everything?

_____ Living for Christ but not talking about Him.

_____ Talking about Christ but not living for Him.

_____ Both living for and talking about Christ.

One way you can **talk about Christ** is by sharing Bible verses you know are true from your experience. First Peter 1:18-19 and Ephesians 2:8-10 are good examples. Try to write them from memory.

_____ (1 Pet. 1:18-19).

_____ (Eph. 2:8-10).

Someone said that the biggest hypocrite in the world is a person who says: "I don't have to **talk** to other people about Christ. All people have to do is to see my actions. They'll know I am a Christian." That is our selfish self when we say that. We will talk about Him when self is no more the king and Christ becomes the King of our lives.

You say: "What is in **my** life that will be important to a person who is not saved? I know only a few things about Christian life. I must wait until I learn more about the Bible to witness."

NOT TRUE!

You have already experienced new life. Christ's Spirit lives in you. He fills you any time you ask. **A witness** is a person who **gives proof**. You have a lot of proof in your life as Christ lives through you.

Your five friends are open to listening to you. They are curious. Don't be afraid. Talk about what has happened in your life. Share your daily experiences with Christ. Talk about your living with Christ to the five people who are willing to listen to you. **DO IT TODAY.**

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**DAY 3: SAYING YOUR
WITNESS**

Read Romans 1:16; Acts 22:1-15; 26:9-20.

Do you remember what the word **witness** means? It means a **person who gives proof**.

You have the proof of a **changed life. Christ lives in you and controls everything**. You need to **say** your witness, to tell people who Christ is and what He has done for you. Say that He is now important in your life.

The apostle Paul knew how to **say his witness**. Paul did speak his witness whenever he had the opportunity. Paul said his witness to everyone who would listen to him. Read these words Paul wrote: "I am not ashamed of the Good News, It is the power of God. It is the way He saves men . . . if they put their trust in Him." Can you honestly say the same thing Paul said in **Romans 1:16, NLV**? This verse is your last memory verse in the SURVIVAL KIT. Do more than memorize it.

There are two times in the Bible you can find details of times Paul spoke his witness. Read now Acts 22:1-15 and Acts 26:9-20.

Notice that both times Paul used **his own experience** in becoming saved as the **proof** for his witnessing. Both times he said **four things** about his salvation experience. These four things are written in the chart.

Write in the right place below the verse numbers from Acts 22 in which Paul told about each of the four parts of his salvation experience. Then do the same thing with the verses in Acts 26. These answers will be in **two to four verses in a row**. All of these will be in **order as you see them in the chart**.

ACTS 22

ACTS 26

1. Paul did not always follow Christ.
2. God started to speak to Paul.
3. Paul accepted Christ as his Lord.
4. Paul's new life focused on Christ's plan.

ANSWERS

ACTS 22

v. 3-5

vv. 6-9

vv. 10-13

vv. 14-15

ACTS 26

vv. 9-12

vv. 13-18

v. 19

vv. 19-20

You will be amazed to find that most Christians have **never heard anyone** share information the same way Paul shared. Every salvation experience is different. Your own testimony about how you became saved is **personal** and **individual**. It is **proof** no one else can give. No one else will have the same experience you have.

You witness when you say it could be done in the same way Paul did his. You can **share the same kind of information Paul shared**. The information you share will sound different from the information Paul talked about. Your experience and Paul's experience are different. Remember the five people you listed on the fingers of your right hand? They are people who are open to your sharing Christ. Write four things in the places below about your salvation experience that should be shared with your five people.

1. MY LIFE AND ATTITUDES BEFORE ACCEPTING CHRIST:

2. HOW I UNDERSTOOD GOD WAS TALKING TO ME:

3. HOW I ACCEPTED CHRIST (BECAME SAVED):

4. WHY IS BEING A CHRISTIAN IMPORTANT TO ME?

Don't misunderstand and think this means you must have enough information for a sermon. Witnessing is **not preaching**. Witnessing is **giving proof**. You will find many opportunities to share a **one-minute testimony of your salvation experience** if you can develop it. **SHARE IT WITH SOMEONE RIGHT NOW.**

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DAY 4: THE PERSONAL
TOUCH**

Read Matthew 9:10-13; 1 Corinthians 9:19-23; John 4:40-41.

A few weeks ago you were not a Christian. **Who** or what had a strong influence to help you decide to become a Christian?

Now read Matthew 9:10-11. What did people **criticize** Jesus for?

Why do you think Jesus accepted criticism by **being with evil** people? Read Matthew 19:12-13 before answering.

Jesus came to call **those who are sinners**. He had **loving-kindness** for people who were **spiritually sick**. Now read what Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 9:19-21. What did Paul mean?

A. "It doesn't matter whom I fellowship with."

B. "I agree with whomever I am with."

C. "I decided to make friends with all kinds of people."

Sentence **C** is what Paul meant. This is Paul's feeling about making friends. **Why** did Paul think this was needed? Read 1 Corinthians 9:22-23 before answering.

Paul did it all **to get the Good News to men**. Paul knew that everyone he made friends with would not accept Christ. But Paul was willing to associate with everyone so he might **lead some to Christ** (1 Cor. 9:22). He knew that **God's power would save anyone who believed**. Can you write from memory the verse Paul wrote to support this?

(Rom. 1:16).

Now read John 4:40-41. Jews and Samaritans hated one another in Jesus' day. Jesus was a Jew. What was Jesus willing to do when the Samaritans invited Him?

What happened because Jesus was willing to **stay two days with the Samaritans**?

Look now at the five fingers on your right hand. Your five friends are not like the Samaritans. They have not yet accepted Christ as Savior and Lord. Your friends might be afraid of the changes Christ would cause in their lives. Your friends might feel shy about leaving a life they are comfortable with to start a new life. **(Did you feel like this?)**

It is interesting to notice in the Book of Acts that every person who became a Christian had help from another Christian. Christ sent Peter to help a Roman soldier. He sent Philip to an Ethiopian government officer. He sent Paul to Lydia and her friends, to the jailer at Philippi, and to many other people. **IN EVERY SOLUTION A PERSONAL TOUCH WAS GIVEN.**

Look again at your right hand. These five people are **open** to let you share with them. You should give **time** to them! Share your life with them. They don't have many other places to see the **love of God** coming through a person. They will see Christ's love in your words, your thoughts, and in your life when you share your life with them. This will have a strong influence on them.

Priorities need to be straight. Look again at your schedule for every week. Is there **time** for those five people? What can be **changed** to make time for them? Pray about your answer during your Quiet Time.

Look now at your left hand. Are you still remembering to pray for those five people who are not open to let you share with them? What verses remind you of **three ways to pray about them?**

(Matt. 7:7-8).

What verses remind you **how much power** is for you when you pray?

(Matt. 28:18-20).

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DAY 5: PRAY AND WITNESS**

Read Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2:41-47.

Most things about the Christian life are **caught** more than they are **taught**. Read Matthew 18:19-20. **How many people does verse 20 talk about meeting together in**

the name of Christ? _____

Verse 19 has a **prayer promise** that Christ gave us. What is it?

Jesus will be there with **two or three people who are gathered** together in His name. Jesus promises to do it when **two people agree** about a request in His name. What does this mean when you think about the **five-and-five** people who are not yet saved? Do you know another Christian in your life who is more mature than you are? This may be someone you could **pray with** for the salvation of your **five-and-five people**.

Yes _____ No _____ Who? _____

How would you feel if a mature Christian volunteered to help you by **becoming friends** with the five people on your right hand? How would you feel if this mature Christian helped you

find ways to **witness** to these people?

Remember the person you thought of a moment ago to pray with you. Do you think this person would also help as a **witness** for Christ? Yes _____ No _____

Most things about the Christian life are better caught than taught. Your Christian growth will be better if you associate with other Christians who have had time to grow. Read now some verses you read several weeks ago when you studied about **one body**, the church. (See Acts 2:41-47.) Those Christians did not try to do it alone. They shared everything they had. They shared their lives with other Christians in the church.

Think about how those **church members'** sharing must have influenced people who were not saved. Can your church have the same kind of witness to people in your community? Why or why not?

Is it **easier** or **harder** to do what Paul said in Romans 1:16 when you are with other Christians? Say that verse now. Say it again every time you need new courage to share Christ with your friends.

FIVE PEOPLE YOU PRAY FOR.
FIVE PEOPLE YOU WITNESS TO.

Use your imagination to try to think what would happen if **every Christian** in the world would use the Five-and-Five Principle to reach ten people all of the time.

There is no reason you can't be one of the people who use this principle. But, as you have seen again and again, to really follow Christ as your Lord you must carefully analyze your life.

Now that you are a Christian, Christ wants to use your life for His purposes. He wants to improve your skills so that He can use you to reach the lost people in the world.

The most important thing about the **Five-and-Five Principle** is this. Your priorities must be changed. You cannot do whatever you want and also follow Christ.

You have developed for 11 weeks a new pattern in your life. You have added the SURVIVAL KIT to your daily schedule. But that is only the beginning. Christ has come to give you a new life. But for Christ to give you a new life, you must give Him your whole schedule. Some of the things you thought **were required** for yourself every day may go to the bottom of your list.

IS IT WORTH IT? Were you **satisfied** with your life before you became a Christian? No. It was that unhappiness that led you to give your life to Christ. **DON'T STOP NOW.** Go on. Let Christ have your life completely.

All Christ wants to do **in** you and **for** you will be in the church, the body of Christ. Your personal prayer and your witnessing should be related to the church's work. Those people whom you help become saved will become part of the body. **Understand this.** Let Christ plan your schedule and your priorities.

Your Christian growth has only begun. The Bible verses you have memorized (these are only the beginning of your learning) are important. There will be much more.

WELCOME, FRIEND. COME WITH US **TOGETHER** TO FIND ALL THAT CHRIST HAS KEPT FOR US.



WHERE DO YOU GO FROM HERE??

Some of the first words you read when you started your work in SURVIVAL KIT FOR NEW CHRISTIANS were "Welcome to the beginning of a new life with Jesus Christ." SURVIVAL KIT has been your companion on the walk for the past 11 weeks. You have learned some important truths about the nature of the Christian's life during those weeks.

One of the first truths you learned is the importance of being a part of the body of Christ. To thrive and grow spiritually, it is essential that you be surrounded by others who are concerned about your spiritual growth. Apart from the family of God, you will not grow much spiritually. If you have not already joined a church and become involved in its fellowship and its Bible study and training ministry, you should do so at once.

During these 11 weeks, you also have established some habit patterns that are important to your spiritual growth: Bible reading, prayer, and Scripture memory. All are probably a part of those 20 or 30 minutes you have become accustomed to setting aside each day for your Quiet Time. This Quiet Time probably has become a natural part of your day. You have completed your SURVIVAL KIT, but you realize that you are still at the beginning end of your walk with Christ. You may be wondering where you go from here.

You should go right on with the habit pattern SURVIVAL KIT helped you establish during the past 11 weeks. These habits are absolutely essential to your continued spiritual growth.

Whatever you do, do not allow yourself to neglect them.

Continue to read and study the Bible. First, read one of the books that tells the story of Jesus' life—Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John. Then read Acts, the story of the early church and some of the people who were a part of it. Then read 1 John, 1 Corinthians, or Colossians. Read a chapter at each Quiet Time. Then guide your meditation with questions like: How would I have felt or what would I have done if I had been there? What is God saying to me through this passage? How should this passage affect the way I will live my life today? If you have been using the **King James Version** of the Bible, you may want to purchase a modern English translation (**New Life Version**). Any of those listed on page 2 will help you compare translations and gain a better understanding of the Bible's message.

Although memorizing Scripture has been difficult, you probably have found it to be rewarding. It will be easy to stop memorizing now that the assignments are no longer there for you each day. Do not yield to the temptation. Twice each week select one or more verses from your Scripture readings. Make your own cards from index cards or from any other heavy paper. Continue to memorize and to review the way you have been doing since you started work in your SURVIVAL KIT.

The **Five-and-Five Principle** has taught you to pray for persons who need to come to know Christ. Begin using the same kind of intercessory prayer for persons who have other needs and about other matters that are a real concern to you.

The same person who prepared SURVIVAL KIT FOR NEW CHRISTIANS has also prepared THE JOURNEY CONTINUES: SURVIVAL KIT 2. If you have enjoyed SURVIVAL KIT, you will want to study it to help you continue your spiritual growth.