

Being a Christian Witness in Today's World

Christ taught much by his words and example during His lifetime. One of His most important teachings was that we should love God with our whole hearts and souls, we should love our enemies, and we should love our neighbors as ourselves. He showed us how to pray. He also showed us how to live simply and to be generous with what we have. He taught that all people are equal. Christ also said that it is better to sin and then be sorry for our sins than to think we are above those who sin and repent, when we sin ourselves. He said it is not the rich who enter Heaven, but the humble and loving people.

Christian witnesses are those people who follow what Christ taught and then teach it to others. These people are loving, kind, generous, and humble. It is these people that will enter the kingdom of Heaven. They pray and have a close relationship with God. They don't have to be priests or sisters. They can be ordinary people that live Christ's word. It isn't enough to sit at Mass and just say that you were there or say that you listen to the teachings of the Bible but you don't live them. Christian witnesses live Christ's teachings.

At home, at school, and on teams, Christ's teachings must come alive. On my soccer and softball teams I can be a Christian witness by being a good teammate and treating everyone equally. A good teammate works hard for the good of the whole team. I can be a Christian witness at dance by treating everyone equally, by helping others learn the steps, and by working hard to help make the performance the best it can be. I can be a Christian witness at school by being kind to my classmates, by letting people borrow my things, by helping out the teachers when I can, and by working to make the school a better place. At home, I can be a Christian witness by being a kind sister and daughter, by being generous with my things and talents, and by giving up time to play with my younger brothers.

There are many ways to be a Christian witness in the world. Picking up a neighbor's trash or trash cans is a way to help. Working on projects to help the poor and homeless, or even contributing a few dollars to charities can make a big difference. Even offering a smile or compliment can brighten someone's day in a big way. By being Christian witnesses, we can help make the world a better place.