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The Kingdom of God triumphs through our inspired actions lead by the Holy Spirit

# Daily Challenge



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## We Are Always

## Saying Something About Jesus

Our words and our own lives are a witness. Sometimes our witness will intrigue others to want to know more about Christ. Today if each of us eagerly seeks God for an opportunity, He will make the way. He will use us to proclaim His truth. We do not have to worry about quoting the exact scriptures. God might rather see us personalizing the gospel message--speaking in our own words about how Christ changed us.

A paraphrase spoken by a believer can be effective. This is particularly so when the observer sees the traits of God in us. Is His love reflecting through us? If it is, we are witnessing effectively.

Most new converts will not totally except the gospel upon hearing it one time. We need not fret about presenting it in just such a way that the hearer will immediately say, "yes." Many will only respond when they have seen evidence in our lives that is believable. It may be best that we do not push too hard. It is comforting to know that we are part of a process that the Holy Spirit is orchestrating.

Tangible evidence of Gods' love is a vital part of spreading the gospel. Seed planting is necessary before we can reasonably expect a harvest. So we can be content with having planted seeds, even if someone else next week, or next year sees the harvest.

It is God who converts the lost. We are not put on the spot to assure the salvation of a good friend or a relative. By staying close to God, and to be continually acknowledging Him in every compartment of our lives, our witness will be effective.

**Pray and stay attached to the Vine.**

**"Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends. . . . I have called you friends . . ."** (John 15:13, 15).

## The Value of Time

To realize the value of one year:  
Ask a student who has failed a final exam.

To realize the value of one month:  
Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature baby.

To realize the value of one week:  
Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.



To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask the person who has missed the train, bus or plane.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one milli-second: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment you have. You will treasure it even more when you can share it with someone special.



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# Those Wonderful Traditions

By Dee Stribling

Traditions play an important role in passing on our faith. They also point us to and remind us of important elements of what we believe. We can perform them automatically. As with habits we can act or react on cue. At the wheel of a car if a cat darts in front of our moving vehicle, our foot goes, without thought, to the brake peddle. We can operate a car safely while carrying on a conversation, listening to music on the radio and enjoying the scenery traveling across the interstate highway.



Traditions help us mark important events: Eat black-eyed peas on New Years day; ham on Easter; pop fire crackers on Independence Day; go to church on Sunday, take communion; recite the Lord’s Prayer. We need traditions. They make us culturally cohesive.

There is an insidious danger that is built into traditions, however. They can harden us and stifle creativity. They are intended to lead us to reality, not to replace a personal trust and dependence on the living God. In Jesus day the ‘traditions of men’ were pitted against the living word of God who walked among them.

To the accusing religious leaders Jesus said, “Isaiah was right when he prophesied about you hypocrites; as it

is written: ‘These people honor Me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men.’ You have let go of the commands of God and are holding on to the traditions of men.”

“You have a fine way of setting aside the commands of God in order to observe your own traditions!”

(NIV) Mark 7:6-9

“. . . you will know the false prophets by what they do.

"Not everyone who calls me 'Lord, Lord' will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only those who do what my Father in heaven wants them to do.

When the Judgment Day comes, many will say to me, 'Lord, Lord! In your name we spoke God's message, by your name we drove out many demons and performed many miracles!'

Then I will say to them, 'I never knew you. Get away from me, you wicked people!'

"So then, anyone who hears these words of mine and obeys them is like a wise man who built his house on rock. (GNB) Matthew 7:20-24

I am the vine, you are the branches. If a man remains in me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing. John 15:5

## We Need A Tradition Of Helping Others

Case	Clients	Need	Amount
7452	59 yr old single woman, started new job after being off for 6 months	Rent	\$607.00
10476	73 yr old widow, cancer	Electric	\$83.00
9236	57 yr old widow, cares for 16 yr old nephew	Electric	\$212.14
790	Working 56 yrs old single woman	Electric	\$256.59
12408	53 yrs old single man, lung cancer	Gas Heat	\$153.90
12414	55 yrs old single woman with COPD, just got out of hospital	Rent	\$400.00
12413	61 yrs old working single woman	Electric	\$107.91
12411	72 yrs old woman, on Soc Sec.	Gas Heat	\$106.11
12367	59 yr old disabled woman	Gas Heat	\$348.00
3697	62 yr old disabled woman	Water	\$99.38
4872	41 yr old single working woman, minimum wage	Electric	\$175.22
3365	62 yr old-disabled woman, legally blind	Rent	\$239.00
8688	71 yr old widow	Electric	\$265.00

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