

IMPACT

I **M**ust **P**ersonally **A**cknowledge **C**hrist **T**oday
Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; *in all your ways acknowledge Him* and He shall direct your path.
Proverbs 3:5-6

Passage: Hebrews 11:5-6 “By faith Enoch was taken away so that he did not see death, ‘and was not found, because God had taken him’; for before he was taken he had this testimony, that he pleased God. But without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who diligently seek Him” “

Quote: “Let your Christianity be so unmistakable, your eye so single, your heart so whole, your walk so straightforward that all who see you may have no doubt Whose you are and Whom you serve.” J.C. Ryle

Enoch’s faith was the foundation of his testimony that he pleased God. In an evil time, he proclaimed, “Behold, the Lord comes with ten thousands of His saints, to execute judgment on all, to convict all who are ungodly among them of all their ungodly deeds which they have committed in an ungodly way, and of all the harsh things which ungodly sinners have spoken against Him.” Enoch was a courageous believer who wanted to please God more than to please men.

An old saying states that “Silence is golden.” When it comes to witnessing for Christ, silence can be just plain yellow! Christ said, “Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel’s will save it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul? For whoever is ashamed of Me and My words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him the Son of Man also will be ashamed when He comes in the glory of His Father with the holy angels.”²

Part of taking up your cross is a willingness to witness in spite of ridicule. Paul said, “I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes.”³ When tempted to be selfish, think of the shame that Christ endured for you and recall His words, “And he who does not take up his cross and follow after Me is not worthy of me.”⁴ “In

spite of their devotion to Him, the disciples were still ignorant of the true relationship between the cross and the crown. They were following Satan’s philosophy (glory without suffering) instead of God’s philosophy (suffering transformed into glory). Which philosophy you accept will determine how you live and how you serve.”⁵

Diligently prioritize what you value: “If then you were raised with Christ, *seek those things which are above*, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory.”⁶

Diligently pursue godliness: “His divine power has given to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Him who called us by glory and virtue, by which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust. But also *for this very reason, giving all diligence*, add to your faith virtue, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love. For if these things are yours and abound, you will be neither barren nor unfruitful in the knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.”⁷

Diligently proclaim the Gospel: “Now all things are of God, who has reconciled us to Himself through Jesus Christ, and has given us *the ministry of reconciliation*, that is, that God was in Christ reconciling the world to Himself, not imputing their trespasses to them, and *has committed to us the word of reconciliation*. Now then, *we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God were pleading through us: we implore you on Christ’s behalf, be reconciled to God*. For He made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, *that we might become the righteousness of God in Him*.”⁸

When people reflect upon our life, will they remember us as grateful, godly witnesses of the gospel?

Enoch’s Witness

¹ Jude 14, 15 ² Mark 8:34-38 ³ Rom.1:16 ⁴ Matt.10:38 ⁵ Wiersbe
⁶ Col.3:1-3 ⁷ II Peter 1:3-8 ⁸ II Cor.5:18-21