

Mission Impossible
Testifying to the Truth in a World that Loves Lies

I. Our Problem - What the New Testament Commands about Witnessing: ie.

A. "Whoever acknowledges me before men, I will also acknowledge him before my Father in heaven. But, whoever disowns me before men, I will disown him before my Father in heaven." Matt. 10:32-33

B. "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

C. "For God did not give us a spirit of timidity, but a spirit of power, of love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed to testify about our Lord, or ashamed of me his prisoner." 2 Timothy 1:7-8

D. "But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect . . ." 1 Peter 3:15

II. The Solution - King Hezekiah's 6 Point Plan (2 Chron. 32:1-23)

*Hezekiah means "Jehovah is strength" * Sennacherib means "sin"

4 A. He deprived the enemy of what was necessary to successfully lay siege vs. 3-

(by dealing thoroughly and immediately with sin a disciple deprives his adversary, the devil, of the ability to take captive his thoughts and activities)

B. He repaired and strengthened the fortifications of the city. vs. 5
(by restoring all broken relationships a disciple blocks the devil from causing chaos in his life that will neutralize his efforts to witness for Christ)

C. He made weapons and shields. vs. 5
(by thoroughly knowing the Word a disciple develops all the offensive and defensive weapons needed to defeat the one who would destroy mens' souls.)

D. He developed and implemented a plan. vs. 6
(a disciple ruthlessly eliminates any activity in his life that hinders his ability to focus and to fight)

- E. He **boldly testified** about God and His power to bring victory vs. 7-8
(a disciple finds courage when he realizes that with God all things are possible with God)
- F. He joined with the prophet and cried out to God in prayer vs. 20
(a wise disciple understands that God answers agreeing prayer)

The Result

***"That night the angel of the Lord went out and put to death a hundred and eighty-five thousand men in the Assyrian camp. When the people got up the next morning--there were all the dead bodies! So Sennacherib king of Assyria broke camp and withdrew. He returned to Nineveh and stayed there."
2 Kings 19:35***