

**“The Effective Witness”**  
**Acts 8:26-40**  
**Wednesday July 8, 2009**

Matt 28:18-20

**I want to give 6 Characteristics of “The Effective Witness”**

**1. The Effective Witness Must Be Obedient To The Voice of God:**

Acts 8:26

Philip - Acts 6:5, called the evangelist Acts 20:8

What is the context when God commands Philip to go 80 miles south?

Acts 8:1

Acts 8:4-8

Luke 19:6

Acts 8:12

Acts 8:26-27

**2. The Effective Witness Must Recognize That The Gospel is For All Men:**

Acts 8:27

Gal 3:28

Mark 16:15

Acts 8:28-29

**3. The Effective Witness Must Share His Faith With Enthusiasm:**

Acts 8:30

#### **4. The Effective Witness Must Establish A Point Of Contact:**

Acts 8:30

Philip takes the direct approach to witness: "Do you understand what you are reading?"

Acts 8:31

Isaiah 53:7-8 is the passage. The Suffering Servant.

Acts 8:32-34

#### **5. The Effective Witness Must Know The Scriptures:**

Acts 8:35

1 Peter 3:15

a defense of the Faith, not the dismantle of the Faith.

Matt 7:6

Notice these 4 things that Philip does.

1. We need to open our mouths -

Psalm 107:2

2. We need to begin - and beginning

3. He began from Scripture -

4. He preached Jesus Christ - he preached Jesus to him.

Acts 8:36

#### **6. The Effective Witness Must Seek A Decision:**

Acts 8:37-40

## **Application:**

1. The Effective Witness Must Be Obedient To The Voice of God:
2. The Effective Witness Must Recognize That The Gospel is For All Men:
3. The Effective Witness Must Share His Faith With Enthusiasm:
4. The Effective Witness Must Establish A Point Of Contact:
5. The Effective Witness Must Know The Scriptures:
6. The Effective Witness Must Seek A Decision:

## **Pick up the Roman road, and memorize it!**

1. We need to know that we are sinners, that we are separated from God because He is holy and we are unholy. Rom. 3:23 for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God,
2. Our sins have earned us death. Rom. 6:23 For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.
3. Jesus out of His great love for us has paid for our sins. Rom. 5:8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.
4. Turn our lives over to Him, Jesus becomes savior when we accept him as Lord. Rom. 10:9 that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you shall be saved;  
10 for with the heart man believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation.