

1885 Holy City, Re 21:10 3587 Christ's Temptation 3580 Temple, Ac 3:1 Scripture Misused, Mt 22:29 3153 Satan the Deceiver, 2 Co 2:11 4149 Divinity Challenged, 27:39-40 4200 Satanic If, Mt 27:40 707 Son of God 2921 Presumption (1) 3593 Enticers 1028 False Doctrine 4099 Scripture Misused, 22:29^ p.p. 2 Co 4:2; 2 Pe 3:16	5 Then the devil took him to the holy city and set him on the pinnacle of the temple ⁶ and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down, for it is written, "He will command his angels concerning you," and "On their hands they will bear you up, lest you strike your foot against a stone." 7 Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ⁸ Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory. ⁹ And he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." ¹⁰ Then Jesus said to him, "Be gone, Satan! For it is written, "You shall worship the Lord your God and him only shall you serve." 11 Then the devil left him, and behold, angels came and were ministering to him. <i>Jesus Begins His Ministry</i> 12 Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee. ¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: 15 "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—	16 the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." 17 From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." ¹ <i>Jesus Calls the First Disciples</i> 18 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." ² ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. <i>Jesus Ministers to Great Crowds</i> 23 And he went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people. ²⁴ So his fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, those having seizures, and paralytics, and he healed them. ²⁵ And great crowds followed him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan. <i>The Sermon on the Mount</i> 5 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.	4127 Works Prove, Lu 10:36-37^ 2179 Spiritual Darkness p.p. Is 42:7; Lu 2:32 3246 Shadow of Death† 2168 Christ the Light, Lu 1:79 Public Ministry of Christ Begins, Mk 1:14; Lu 4:14 2087 Preaching 2706 Repentance (1) 2010 Kingdom at Hand, 10:7 Call of Peter and Andrew 1385 Sea of Galilee, 8:24 2746 Peter, 14:28^ 140 Andrew, Mk 1:29^ 2578 Net (1), Jn 21:8 241 Fishermen, Lu 5:2^ 4308k Life of Peter 1017 Followers 2082 Apostles Called 3636 Minister's Names 3908 Soul-winners, 18:15 1015 Discipleship 3206 Leaving All 2619 Obedience (6), 7:24^ James and John Called 1842 James (1), 10:2^ 3984 Zebedee, Mk 1:20^ 1902 John, 17:1^ 570 Industry (2) 1790 Divine Call (2) 2615 Obedience (2) 3899 Immediate Service 3206 Leaving All 3458 God's Claims First 1017 Followers 1075 Christ's Zeal 3555 Christ, Teacher, 5:2^ 2087 Preaching 1440 Gospel (1), Ac 20:24^ 1539 Christ Heals, 8:3 1684 Fame, 9:31 3524 Syria, Ac 21:3 3363 Burden-bearer 2787 Christ Thronged 4134 Bringing to Jesus, 8:16^ 1524 Infirmities 1509 Insanity, 17:15 1507 Epilepsy, 17:14-15^ 3157 Demons Cast Out 975 Demoniacs 1512 Palsy, 8:6^ 3807 Christ's Power 2369 Christ's Miracles 2788 Common People, Mk 12:37^ 2786 Multitudes, 13:2 1384 Galilee 950 Decapolis, Mk 5:20^ 1954 Judea, 19:1^ 2786 Multitudes 2447 Mountains 2080 Apostles 3237 Sermon on the Mount, Lu 6:20-49^ 4222 Temple of Truth
3589 Temptation Resisted World Exhibitor 2447 Mountains 503 Earthly Vision (1), 1 Jn 2:16 3351 Allurements of Sin 1681 Earthly Honor 3044 Earthly Reward 3947 Devil Worship 3154 Resist the Devil 3589 Temptation Resisted 3898 Undivided Service, Lu 16:13 3921 Worship God, Jn 4:24 143 Ministering Angels 3149 Satan's Defeat 1903 John the Baptist, 11:2 3478 Imprisonment 3480 Persecution (1) 1384 Galilee 2571 Nazareth, 13:54 4416 Nazareth 641 Capernaum, 8:5^ 4355 Capernaum 4308 Tree of Jesus' Life-59 2892 Prophecy Fulfilled (1), 8:17 1803 Isaiah, Ro 15:12 3986 Zebulun (2)† p.p. Is 9:1 1385 Sea of Galilee			

¹Or the kingdom of heaven has come near ²The Greek word *anthropoi* refers here to both men and women

<p>1779 Instruction (2), Lu 24:27</p> <p>3555 Christ, Teacher, 7:29</p> <p>Beatitudes See 4222</p> <p>377 Beatitudes, Lu 6:20-23[^]</p> <p>1714 Humility (1)</p> <p>2008 Heavenly Kingdom, 5:10[^]</p> <p>2712 Contrition</p> <p>2707 Repentance (2), Lu 15:7</p> <p>787 Comfort (5), Jn 14:1</p> <p>1753 Earthly Heritage, Ro 4:13</p> <p>2271 Meekness (2)[†]</p> <p>982 Spiritual Desire</p> <p>985 Thirst Satisfied, Jn 4:14</p> <p>1123 Spiritual Fullness, Jn 15:11</p> <p>4086 Promises to Merciful, 6:14</p> <p>2298 Mercy (2), Lu 6:36</p> <p>2299 Mercy Promised, He 8:12</p> <p>1759 Purity, 1 Ti 1:5</p> <p>509 Spiritual Vision, Jn 14:19</p> <p>3190 Seeing God</p> <p>3732 Strife Forbidden</p> <p>3778 Peacemakers, Ro 14:19</p> <p>742 Children of God, Lu 20:36</p> <p>3637 Saint's Names, 5:13</p> <p>490 Afflictions (2)</p> <p>3480 Persecution (1)</p> <p>3475 For Christ's Sake</p> <p>2008 Heavenly Kingdom, 25:34-35</p> <p>3476 Reproach</p> <p>3483 Persecution (4)</p> <p>3313 False Accusations, 27:12</p> <p>3475 For Christ's Sake, 10:22[^]</p> <p>1934 Rejoicing (3), Lu 6:23</p> <p>1365 Reward (2), Ro 8:17[^]</p> <p>3480 Persecution (1)</p> <p>Christian Influence</p> <p>281 The Salt, Mk 9:50[^]</p> <p>1750 Good Influence, Mk 9:50</p> <p>3245 Seven Figures, 5:14</p> <p>3637 Saint's Names, 23:8</p> <p>4161 Good and Evil, 9:10[^]</p> <p>992 Deterioration</p> <p>993 Backsliding</p> <p>1274 Castaways</p> <p>2173 Radiant Lives</p> <p>2166 Spiritual Light (1), Ac 13:47</p> <p>3245 Seven Figures, Jn 15:5</p> <p>3637 Saint's Names</p> <p>4057 Life Conspicuous, Lu 11:33[^]</p> <p>636 Lamp[†]</p> <p>1016 Secret Discipleship</p> <p>745 Sons of Light</p> <p>2173 Radiance</p> <p>2174 Face Shining</p> <p>4091 Results Demanded, Mk 4:20</p> <p>4127 Works Prove</p> <p>3902 Good Works (1), Col 1:10</p> <p>4139 Christianity, 7:24</p> <p>1423 Glorify God (1), Jn 15:8</p> <p>1246 Our Father</p> <p>1547 Heaven</p> <p>Christ and the Law</p> <p>684 Christ's Mission, 20:28[^]</p>	<p><i>The Beatitudes</i></p> <p>² And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:</p> <p>³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.</p> <p>⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.</p> <p>⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.</p> <p>⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.</p> <p>⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.</p> <p>⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons[†] of God.</p> <p>¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p>¹¹ "Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.</p> <p><i>Salt and Light</i></p> <p>¹³ "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.</p> <p>¹⁴ "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that² they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.</p> <p><i>Christ Came to Fulfill the Law</i></p> <p>¹⁷ "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the</p>	<p>Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. ¹⁸ For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore whoever relaxes one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.</p> <p><i>Anger</i></p> <p>²¹ "You have heard that it was said to those of old, 'You shall not murder'; and whoever murders will be liable to judgment.' ²² But I say to you that everyone who is angry with his brother³ will be liable to judgment; whoever insults⁴ his brother will be liable to the council; and whoever says, 'You fool!' will be liable to the hell⁵ of fire. ²³ So if you are offering your gift at the altar and there remember that your brother has something against you, ²⁴ leave your gift there before the altar and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift. ²⁵ Come to terms quickly with your accuser while you are going with him to court, lest your accuser hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the guard, and you be put in prison. ²⁶ Truly, I say to you, you will never get out until you have paid the last penny.⁶</p> <p><i>Lust</i></p> <p>²⁷ "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall not commit adultery.' ²⁸ But I say to you that everyone who looks at a woman with lustful intent has already committed adultery</p>	<p>437 Keep the Law</p> <p>2892 Prophecy Fulfilled (1)</p> <p>1551 Heavens (2), 24:35</p> <p>430 God's Word Sure, Lu 21:33</p> <p>415 Word Endures, 24:35</p> <p>427 God's Word Sacred, Re 22:19</p> <p>2620 Disobedience (1)</p> <p>2101 False Teachers, 15:9</p> <p>1030 Doers</p> <p>2618 Obedience (5)</p> <p>1685 True Greatness, 20:26</p> <p>2008 Heavenly Kingdom</p> <p>3009 Requirements (2), 18:3[^]</p> <p>3904 Works Insufficient</p> <p>2991 Sanctimony</p> <p>3080 Righteousness (4), Ac 24:25</p> <p>3165 Scribes, 7:29</p> <p>3171 Pharisees</p> <p>40 Exclusion (2), 18:3</p> <p>Spiritual Standards</p> <p>949 Decalogue</p> <p>2449 Murder (1)</p> <p>710 Christ's Authority</p> <p>3956 Anger (2), Col 3:8</p> <p>3304 Evil Speaking</p> <p>862 Council, 26:59</p> <p>3827 Whosoever (1), Jn 8:34</p> <p>3853 Fools</p> <p>1374 Hell Gehenna, 5:29[^]</p> <p>1369 Future of Wicked (2), 13:42[^]</p> <p>2121 Giving (2)</p> <p>2915 Prudence</p> <p>3777 Peaceableness</p> <p>2972 Reconciliation (2), 18:15</p> <p>2954 Preparation for Blessings</p> <p>870 Litigation, 5:40</p> <p>26 Accepted Time</p> <p>1501 Too Late</p> <p>1821 Judges, Lu 18:2</p> <p>2143 Prisons</p> <p>3356 No Escape</p> <p>1243 Coins, 10:29[^]</p> <p>Inward Purity Prescribed</p> <p>1662 Adultery, 19:9</p> <p>710 Christ's Authority</p> <p>2217 Lust of Eye, 1 Jn 2:16</p> <p>667 Lust, Ro 13:14</p> <p>664 Impurity, 15:19</p> <p>2353 Evil Imagination</p> <p>663 Chastity, 1 Co 7:1</p>
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¹ Greek *huioi*; see Preface ² Or house. ¹⁶ Let your light so shine before others that

³ Some manuscripts insert *without cause* ⁴ Greek says *Raca* to (a term of abuse)

⁵ Greek *Gehenna*; also verses 29, 30 ⁶ Greek *kodrantēs*, Roman copper coin (Latin *quadrans*) worth about 1/64 of a *denarius* (which was a day's wage for a laborer)

upon my head, for I have been a Nazirite to God from my mother's womb. If my head is shaved, then my strength will leave me, and I shall become weak and be like any other man."

1 S 13:12 "I said, 'Now the Philistines will come down against me at Gilgal, and I have not sought the favor of the LORD.' So I forced myself, and offered the burnt offering."

A Woman

1 K 11:1 Now King Solomon loved many foreign women, along with the daughter of Pharaoh: Moabite, Ammonite, Edomite, Sidonian, and Hittite women,

1 K 11:4 For when Solomon was old his wives turned away his heart after other gods, and his heart was not wholly true to the LORD his God, as was the heart of David his father.

Job 31:27 and my heart has been secretly enticed, and my mouth has kissed my hand,

Ambition

Mk 10:35 And James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came up to him and said to him, "Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you."

Mk 10:36 And he said to them, ("What do you want me to do for you?")

Mk 10:37 And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory."

2 Pe 2:20 For if, after they have escaped the defilements of the world through the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, they are again entangled in them and overcome, the last state has become worse for them than the first.

See *Allurements of Sin*, **3351**.

3589 TEMPTATION

6. Resistance

a. Examples, Ge 14:23; 39:10;

Jud 8:23; 1 K 13:8; 2 K 5:16;

Job 2:9–10; Je 35:5–6; Da 1:8;

Mt 4:7; 4:10; Lu 4:4–8; Jn 6:15;

Ac 8:20; 1 Jn 2:13; 3:9; 5:18;

Re 2:26.

Abraham, by refusing a reward for service rendered

Ge 14:23 "that I would not take a thread or a sandal strap or anything that is yours, lest you should say, 'I have made Abram rich.'"

Man of God, by rejecting the king's reward

1 K 13:8 And the man of God said to the king, "If you give me half your house, I will not go in with you. And I will not eat bread or drink water in this place,

Elisha, by refusing payment for healing

2 K 5:16 But he said, "As the LORD lives, before whom I stand, I will receive none." And he urged him to take it, but he refused.

Job, by rejecting evil counsel

Job 2:9 Then his wife said to him, "Do you still hold fast your integrity? Curse God and die."

Job 2:10 But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women would speak. Shall we receive good from God, and shall we not receive evil?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

The Rechabites and Daniel, by refusing wine

Je 35:5 Then I set before the Rechabites pitchers full of wine, and cups, and I said to them, "Drink wine."

Je 35:6 But they answered, "We will drink no wine, for Jonadab the son of Rechab, our father, commanded us, 'You shall not drink wine, neither you nor your sons forever.'"

Da 1:8 But Daniel resolved that he would not defile himself with the king's food, or with the wine that he drank. Therefore he asked the chief of the eunuchs to allow him not to defile himself.

Christ, by refusing worldly honor

Lu 4:4 And Jesus answered him, ("It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone.'")

Lu 4:5 And the devil took him up and showed him all the kingdoms of the world in a moment of time,

Lu 4:6 and said to him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been delivered to me, and I give it to whom I will."

Lu 4:7 "If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours."

Lu 4:8 And Jesus answered him, ("It is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and him only shall you serve.'")

Jn 6:15 Perceiving then that they were about to come and take him by force to make him king, Jesus withdrew again to the mountain by himself.

Peter, by refusing a bribe

Ac 8:20 But Peter said to him, "May your silver perish with you, because you thought you could obtain the gift of God with money!"

See *Overcomers*, **374**.

3590 TEMPTATION (M. Resist Temptation)

6. Resistance

b. The Duty of Resisting, Pr 1:10;

4:14; Lu 21:34; 22:40; Ro 6:13;

Ep 6:13; 2 Pe 3:17.

Pr 1:10 My son, if sinners entice you, do not consent.

Pr 4:14 Do not enter the path of the wicked, and do not walk in the way of the evil.

Lu 21:34 ("But watch yourselves lest your hearts be weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and cares of this life, and that day come upon you suddenly like a trap.

Ro 6:13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

Ep 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm.

2 Pe 3:17 You therefore, beloved, knowing this beforehand, take care that you are not carried away with the error of lawless people and lose your own stability.

See *Resist the Devil*, **3154**.

3591 TEMPTATION (M. Temptation (S))

7. to Deceit, Ge 12:13; 26:7; 1 S 21:2–3; 2 K 10:18; Mt 26:73–74.

3592 TEMPTATION (M. Snares)

8. Special Sources

a. Worldly Snares, Ex 23:33; 34:12; De 7:25; Jos 23:13; Jud 2:3; Ps 106:36; Pr 20:25; 22:25; 29:8; 29:25; 1 Ti 6:9; 2 Pe 2:20.

False gods, Ex 23:33.

Sinful covenants, Ex 34:12.

Silver and gold, De 7:25.

Evil associations, Jos 23:13.

Idolatry, Ps 106:36.

Broken vows, Pr 20:25.

Friendship with violent people, Pr 22:25.

Scoffing, Pr 29:8.

Avarice, 1 Ti 6:9.

See *Net*, **2579**.

3593 TEMPTATION

8. Special Sources

b. Enticers, Nu 25:18; De 7:4; 13:2;

13:6; 20:18; 29:18; Jud 16:16;

1 K 13:15; 22:13; 22:20; 2 K 21:11;

Pr 1:10; 16:29; 28:10; Is 8:19;

9:16; 30:11; Da 6:8; Ho 5:1; Am

2:12; Zec 13:3; Mt 4:6; 16:23;

24:26; Mk 8:32; Ac 13:8; 2 Pe

2:14; 2:18.

3594 TEMPTATION

8. Special Sources

c. Seducers, De 13:5; 13:8; 13:13;

2 K 21:9; 2 Chr 33:9; Pr 12:26;

Is 19:13; Je 23:27; Eze 13:10; Mi

3:5; Mal 2:8; Mk 13:22; Ac 8:11;

20:30; Ga 5:10; 1 Ti 4:1; 2 Ti

3:13; 2 Pe 2:18; 1 Jn 2:26; Jude

1:4; Re 2:20.

See *Deceivers*, **3707**; *Evil Influences*,

1749.

3595 TEMPTATION

8. Special Sources

d. Evil Companions, Ge 13:12–

13; Nu 11:4; 2 Chr 18:1; 19:2; Ho

7:9; 1 Co 15:33.

Injured Lot, Ge 13:12–13.

A detriment to Israel, Nu 11:4.

A snare to Jehoshaphat, 2 Chr 18:1; 19:2.

Devoured the strength of Ephraim,

Ho 7:9.

Corrupt good morals, 1 Co 15:33.

See *Allurements of Sin*, **3351**;

Temptation, **3584**; *The Flesh*, **1290**;

Temptresses, **3880**.

3596 TENTS, movable habitations used by nomadic and semi-nomadic peoples, **Ge 13:18; 26:17; 31:25; Jos 7:22; 2 K 13:5; Je 35:7; He 11:9.**

3597 TERAH, father of Abraham, **Ge 11:24; 11:31; Jos 24:2; 1 Chr 1:26; Ac 7:4.**

See *Abraham*, **15**.

3598 TESTIMONIES, De 4:45; **6:17; 1 K 2:3; Ps 19:7; 25:10; 78:5; 119:24; 119:31; 119:111; 119:146.**

See *Word of God*, **414**; *Ordinances*, **2662**; *Statutes*, **442**.

RELIGIOUS TESTIMONY

(3599–3605)

3599 TESTIMONY, religious, open declaration of one's personal experience with God (M. Testimony (1))

1. What Ex 18:8; De 32:3; Jud 5:11; 1 Chr 16:31; Ps 22:31; **26:7**; 35:28; 64:9; 68:11; 71:24; 92:2; 106:2; 118:17; 119:27; **119:172**; **145:4**; **145:11**; Song 4:3; **Is 32:4**; **43:10**; 50:4; **Eze 24:27**; Mt 8:33; **10:20**; 10:32; **Lu 21:13**; 24:9; Jn 12:17; Ac 2:11; 1 Co 1:6; 2:1; Tit 1:1; Re 12:17. See *Confessing Christ*, **814**.

3600 TESTIMONY (M. Testimony (2))

2. When, Where, How Ex 10:2; **2 K 7:9**; **1 Chr 16:8**; 16:24; Ps 9:11; 48:13; **60:4**; 96:2; 96:10; 105:1; **107:2**; 107:22; Pr 3:6; **Is 12:4**; 40:9; 43:21; 48:20; **62:6**; **Je 51:10**; **Eze 33:7**; **40:4**; Am 3:13; Mt 11:4; Mk 4:21; **5:18–19**; 13:9; 16:7; Lu 7:22; 8:39; **Ac 1:8**; **Ep 5:19**; 6:20; 2 Th 1:10; **2 Ti 1:8**; He 13:15; 1 Pe 2:9; **3:15**; Re 12:11.

2 K 7:9 Then they said to one another, "We are not doing right. This day is a day of good news. If we are silent and wait until the morning light, punishment will overtake us. Now therefore come; let us go and tell the king's household."

1 Chr 16:8 Oh give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Ps 60:4 You have set up a banner for those who fear you, that they may flee to it from the bow. Selah

Ps 107:2 Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble

Is 12:4 And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

Unceasingly

Is 62:6 On your walls, O Jerusalem, I have set watchmen; all the day and all the night they shall never be silent. You who put the LORD in remembrance, take no rest,

Je 51:10 The LORD has brought about our vindication; come, let us declare in Zion the work of the LORD our God.

Eze 33:7 "So you, son of man, I have made a watchman for the house of Israel. Whenever you hear a word from my mouth, you shall give them warning from me.

Eze 40:4 And the man said to me, "Son of man, look with your eyes, and hear with your ears, and set your heart upon all that I shall show you, for you were brought here in order that I might show it to you. Declare all that you see to the house of Israel."

In the Home

Mk 5:18 As he was getting into the boat, the man who had been possessed with demons begged him that he might be with him.

Mk 5:19 And he did not permit him but said to him, "Go home to your friends and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you."

Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Ac 1:8 "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

In the Assembly of the Saints

Ep 5:19 addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with all your heart,

Without Shame or Fear

2 Ti 1:8 Therefore do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord, nor of me his prisoner, but share in suffering for the gospel by the power of God,

Constantly Ready

1 Pe 3:15 but in your hearts regard Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you;

See *Secret Discipleship*, **1016**.

3601 TESTIMONY (M. Testimony (3))

3. Characteristics, **2 K 5:15**; **Ps 9:1**; 22:22; 40:9; 51:15; **66:16**; **71:15**; 73:28; 75:9; 77:12; 78:4; 79:13; 89:1; 102:21; 116:10; **119:13**; **119:46**; 145:6; **Is 21:10**; **63:7**; **Je 9:12**; **20:9**; **Eze 11:25**; **Da 4:2**; **Jona 1:9**; **Mal 3:16**; Mt 8:4; **9:31**; Mk 5:20; 16:10; 16:13; Lu 2:38; 8:36; Jn 4:29; 4:39; 9:11; **Ac 2:4**; **4:20**; 4:31; **5:32**; 8:25; 14:27; 15:12; 17:23; 18:5; 20:27; 21:19; 24:14; 24:24; 26:20; **26:22**; 28:23; 1 Co 2:13; **2 Co 4:13**; 1 Th 1:8; 1 Ti 6:12; **1 Pe 5:12**; 1 Jn 1:3; Re 1:2.

Relates to Personal Experience

Ps 66:16 Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.

Ps 71:15 My mouth will tell of your righteous acts, of your deeds of salvation all the day, for their number is past my knowledge.

Ps 119:13 With my lips I declare all the rules of your mouth.

Ps 119:46 I will also speak of your testimonies before kings and shall not be put to shame,

Recounts God's Blessings

Is 63:7 I will recount the steadfast love of the LORD, the praises of the LORD, according to all that the LORD has granted us, and the great goodness to the house of Israel that he has granted them according to his compassion, according to the abundance of his steadfast love.

Bursts Forth from an Inward Fire

Je 20:9 If I say, "I will not mention him, or speak any more in his name," there is in my heart as it were a burning fire shut up in my bones, and I am weary with holding it in, and I cannot.

Da 4:2 It has seemed good to me to show the signs and wonders that the Most High God has done for me.

Jona 1:9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

An Everyday Duty

Mal 3:16 Then those who feared the LORD spoke with one another. The LORD paid attention and heard them, and a book of remembrance was written before him of those who feared the LORD and esteemed his name.

Mt 9:31 But they went away and spread his fame through all that district.

Inspired by the Spirit

Ac 2:4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

Becomes Irrepressible

Ac 4:20 "for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard."

Ac 5:32 "And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

Ac 26:22 To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass:

The Outgrowth of Faith

2 Co 4:13 Since we have the same spirit of faith according to what has been written, "I believed, and so I spoke," we also believe, and so we also speak,

1 Pe 5:12 By Silvanus, a faithful brother as I regard him, I have written briefly to you, exhorting and declaring that this is the true grace of God. Stand firm in it.

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3602 TESTIMONY

4. Special Utterances, **Ex 4:11**; Nu 11:25; Ps 145:7; **Is 32:4**; 35:6; **Je 15:19**; **Eze 3:27**; 24:27; 29:21; 33:22; **Da 10:16**; Joel 2:28; Lu 1:42; 1:64; 21:15; **Ac 2:4**; **2:17**; 4:31; 10:34; **1 Co 1:5**; 14:1; 2 Co 6:11; **8:7**; **Ep 6:19**; **Col 4:3**.

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3603 TESTIMONY (M. Witnessing (1))

5. Witnessing

a. Prescribed, **1 S 8:10**; **Ps 66:16**; 71:16; 105:2; 145:12; Pr 22:21; **Ec 3:7**; **Is 43:10**; 44:8; **Je 1:17**; Mt 10:18; 10:27; 11:4; 28:7; Mk 5:20; Lu 21:13; **Jn 15:27**; 20:17; **Ac 1:8**; **5:20–21**; **18:9–10**; **22:14–15**; 23:11; Tit 2:15; Re 20:4.

Ec 3:7 a time to tear, and a time to sew; a time to keep silence, and a time to speak;

Is 43:10 "You are my witnesses," declares the LORD, "and my servant whom I have chosen, that you may know and believe me and understand that I am he. Before me no god was formed, nor shall there be any after me.

Jn 15:27 ("And you also will bear witness, because you have been with me from the beginning.

Ac 1:8 ("But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

Ac 5:20 "Go and stand in the temple and speak to the people all the words of this Life."

Ac 5:21 And when they heard this, they entered the temple at daybreak and began to teach. Now when the high priest came, and those who were with him, they called together the council and all the senate of Israel and sent to the prison to have them brought.

Ac 18:9 And the Lord said to Paul one night in a vision, ("Do not be afraid, but go on speaking and do not be silent,