 **CHRIST COMPANION BIBLE CHURCH**

**Weekly Bible Study**

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 **TRIUMPHING THROUGH YOUR TESTIMONY (Part 2) Study 12**

**Text**: 1 Samuel 25:1-42.

**Memory Verse**: 1Peter 2:11-12

 Your testimony among men is a witness to your personal identity, image and the verity of your professed faith in Christ Jesus. While it is true that people can hate, persecute and slight believers for righteousness, the truth remains that true believers with integrity, honest and faithful commitment to God's word are always held in high esteem by the world!

 The testimony from Nabal' servants was quite reflective! ***"But one of the young men told Abigail, Nabal's wife, saying, Behold, and David sent messengers out of the wilderness to salute our master; and he railed on them. [15] But the men were very good unto us, and we were not hurt, neither missed we any thing, as long as we were conversant with them, when we were in the fields: [16] They were a wall unto us both by night and day, all the while we were with them keeping the sheep. [17] Now therefore know and consider what thou wilt do; for evil is determined against our master, and against all his household: for he is such a son of Belial, that a man cannot speak to him."*** 1 Samuel 25:14-17 KJV. David and his men had a brief encounter with Nabal herdsmen in verses 15 and 16. We can see such a wonderful testimony of David and his men. Although he was wanted and traumatised by Saul and his army forces, they remained loving, helpful and good to those around them.

 Nabal on the other hand, was opposite in character of his lovely wife, Abigail. He had a bad testimony from his servants, his wife, and acquaintances. Although he was from the lineage of Caleb, he was a disgrace to the wonderful legacies of that Patriarch: ***"Now the name of the man was Nabal; and the name of his wife Abigail: and she was a woman of good understanding, and of a beautiful countenance: but the man was churlish and evil in his doings; and he was of the house of Caleb."*** 1 Samuel 25:3 KJV

 **WHAT IS YOUR TESTIMONY FROM THE PEOPLE AROUND YOU? ACT 10:1-2, 21-22.**

 **1. As a Child of God, your Testimony is evidential to the true work of Grace in your Life. Your life testimony will surely determine whether the people around you will take you and the gospel seriously.**

 Note;

*i. A good name is better than great riches! Therefore, you need to do everything to keep your name and your testimony unsoiled. Proverb 22:1.*

*ii. Character and good testimony that you have taken years of discipline and consecration to build, can be ruined in a moment! Therefore, be vigilant and guard jealously over your testimony.*

*iii. Your testimony is your trademark. It is a label with which people identify your worth and credence. It determines your goodwill with men. Therefore, don't downplay it by any foolish or sinful act.*

**2. There are certain things that earn and sustain your good Testimony as a Child of God. You must ensure you possess and preserve them.**

*i. Genuine salvation with visible transformed Christian living.*

*ii. Integrity and righteous dealing with men.*

*iii. Love expressed in word and in deed.*

*iv. Good working attitude attended with excellence and success.*

*v. Living out the gospel that you preach!*

*vi. Godly appearance, dressing, comportment and presentations.*

*vii. Hospitality and good work.*

**3. Examples of Believers, having good Testimony with Men:**

*i. Cornelius: He was not only spotted out by God but he had good testimony among the people as witnessed by the scripture:* ***"A devout man, and one that feared God with all his house, which gave much alms to the people, and prayed to God alway. [22] And they said, Cornelius the centurion, a just man, and one that feareth God, and of good report among all the nation of the Jews, was warned from God by an holy angel to send for thee into his house, and to hear words of thee".****. Acts 10:2,22 KJV.*

*ii. Barnabas: He was an apostle with grace, maturity and empathy! He always saw possibilities where others noticed or sensed problems. He was a great resource to the early Church growth. Hear his report: Acts 11:22-24 KJV* ***"Then tidings of these things came unto the ears of the church which was in Jerusalem: and they sent forth Barnabas, that he should go as far as Antioch. [23] Who, when he came, and had seen the grace of God, was glad, and exhorted them all, that with purpose of heart they would cleave unto the Lord. [24] For he was a good man, and full of the Holy Ghost and of faith: and much people was added unto the Lord"****.*

*iii. Dorcas : She was a notable woman in Joppa Church, who was distinguished by her good work as the scripture testified:* ***'Now there was at Joppa a certain disciple named Tabitha, which by interpretation is called Dorcas: this woman was full of good works and almsdeeds which she did".*** *Acts 9:36 KJV. What are people testimonies about you too? You can do better. Pray and receive grace to do the needful. Amen.*

**HYMN: LET OTHERS SEE JESUS IN YOU**

1. While passing thro’ this world of sin,

And others your life shall view

Be clean and pure without, within;

Let others see Jesus in you

*Let others see Jesus in you*

*Let others see Jesus in you*

*Keep telling the story, be faithful and true;*

*Let others see Jesus in you.*

2. Your life’s a book before their eyes,

They‘re reading it thro’ and thro’,

Say, does it point them to the skies,

 Do others see Jesus in you?

3. What joy ‘t will be at set of sun,

 In mansions beyond the blue,

To find some souls that you have won;

 Let other see Jesus in you.

4. Then live for Christ both day and night,

 Be faithful, be brave and true,

And lead the lost to life and light;

 Let others see Jesus in you.