

“Cardboard Christians” (Proverbs 21:28)

I. THE FATALITY OF A FALSE WITNESS (PROVERBS 21:28; MATT. 7:22-23)

“The worst form of human badness is human goodness when that human goodness becomes a substitute for the new birth.” – Adrian Rogers

II. THE REALITY OF A FAITHFUL WITNESS (PROVERBS 21:28)

A. THERE MUST BE A LISTENING WORSHIP (PROVERBS 21:28)

John 10:27, “My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me:”

John 18:37, “Pilate therefore said unto him, Art thou a king then? Jesus answered, Thou sayest that I am a king. To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.”

Romans 10:17, “So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”

There is power in God’s Word:

1. Power for Conversion

I Peter 1:23, “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever.”

2. Power for Completion

I Peter 2:2, “As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby:”

3. Power for Cleansing

Psalms 119:9, “Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? By taking heed thereto according to thy word.”

4. Power for Claiming

John 15:7, “If ye abide in me, and my words abide in you, ye shall ask what ye will, and it shall be done unto you.”

5. Power for Conquest

Ephesians 6:17, “And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:”

6. Power for Counseling

II Timothy 3:16, “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness:”

Acts 5:32, “And we are his witnesses of these things; and so is also the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him.”

B. THERE MUST BE LIVING WITNESS (PROVERBS 21:28)

I Corinthians 15:3, “For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received . . .”

John 8:26, “I have many things to say and to judge of you: but he that sent me is true; and I speak to the world those things which I have heard of him.”

“I would like to know what right any man has to call himself a follower of Jesus Christ if he is not a soul winner.” – R. A. Torrey

Matthew 4:19, “And he saith unto them, Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.”

“To refuse to witness a saving Gospel to a lost world day by day is nothing short of high treason, spiritual rebellion, and inexcusable disobedience to His holy commands.” – Dr. L.R. Scarborough

“When you are not a soul-winner, it’s not simply that you are missing a blessing. It is a clinched fist in the face of Almighty God. It is rebellion against Heaven’s Commander In Chief, the Lord Jesus Christ, who told us to go into all the world and bear witness of Him.” – Adrian Rogers

C. THERE MUST BE A LASTING WALK (PROVERBS 21:28)

I John 2:19, “They went out from us, but they were not of us; for if they had been of us, they would no doubt have continued with us: but they went out, that they might be made manifest that they were not all of us.

“The faith that fizzles before the finish had a flaw from the first.” – Adrian Rogers
