

# DYNAMIC

## -- Sharing --

### Lesson Five

#### CONFIDENCE TO SHARE WITH A FRIEND

##### PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT

###### LIVING AND SHARING THE 'ABUNDANT LIFE'

When you received Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord you entered into a whole new adventure. Jesus said in John 10:10, *"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full"*. II Corinthians 5:17 says, *"Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!"* Unfortunately, many Christians do not understand what it means to be a new creation. Often they try to live the Christian life in their own energy and fail time after time. Some have become so discouraged and frustrated that they have concluded that it's not possible to live as Christ expects.

While it is true that **we** can't live the Christian life, it is also true that it can be lived. The Christian has all he needs to live it, but he may not know how. You have the opportunity to share with him how he can live a victorious life that will bring glory to God. This quality of life is something that is so abundant that he will want to share his faith with others. The Holy Spirit is given to us is to empower us to be witnesses.

###### LIVING THE ABUNDANT LIFE

Do you know for certain that the Holy Spirit is directing and empowering your life right now? \_\_\_\_\_

How do you know? \_\_\_\_\_

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Like receiving Christ as Saviour, being filled with the Holy Spirit is not a matter of praying a prayer but rather claiming by **faith** that He has answered our prayer.

Live as though He is in control, because He said He would be if you **claim** His control by faith.

Read through the booklet "Have You Made The Wonderful Discovery Of The Spirit-Filled Life".

Be prepared to share with your trainer how you came to understand the Spirit-filled life. Also, prepare to read the booklet to your trainer and discuss it.

#### WHEN TO SHARE THE SPIRIT-FILLED LIFE MESSAGE

It is best to always share the gospel booklet first unless you know that the person is a Christian. If you are certain or if you discover that the person is a Christian as you share the gospel booklet, encourage him to share his faith with others. But if he appears to be defeated or discouraged then make a transition to the Holy Spirit booklet.

#### WHAT TO SHARE

You could say: **"Let me share this booklet with you. It really makes sense. It explains how to live the abundant Christian life."** Share the booklet. Simply read it, with little or no additional comment. At page nine before you ask: **"How, then, can one be filled with the Holy Spirit?"**, turn back to pages two and three and ask: **"Which of these three circles would best represent your life right now?"**

If he says the circle representing the Spiritual Man, then continue reading at page nine, to show him how to share it with others.

If he says the circle representing the Carnal Man, then continue reading at page nine. Give him opportunity to pray to allow the Holy Spirit to control his life.

#### FOLLOW THROUGH

Regardless of the response, invite the person to your Life Group (Small Group and the One-to-One training) that would be most appropriate.

**GOD'S POWER TO OVERCOME BARRIERS**

Six attitude barriers to being an effective influencer for Christ are listed below. Read what God's Word says about each barrier. In your own words, write a sentence that tells what God says to you about overcoming the barrier.

BARRIERS	GOD'S WORD	MY RESPONSE
"I need to get to know the person better"	John 4:7-30,39 Luke 14:21-23 Acts 8:4,40	
"If people are interested, they'll ask me"	II Corinthians 4:13 John 20:21 II Corinthians 5:20	
"There are certain people and situations that are off-limits for spiritual conversation."	Colossians 1:28 Acts 5:42 I Thessalonians 2:2-4	
"I'm afraid of offending the person. I might lose his friendship."	Acts 5:41 II Corinthians 4:1,2 Luke 9:26	
"I don't feel qualified. Someone else will have to speak to her."	II Corinthians 3:5 Matthew 4:19 John 15:16 II Corinthians 5:18	
"He wouldn't be interested. He's so successful."	Matthew 9:37 II Corinthians 5:16 John 4:35	

**PRACTICAL TRAINING**

**CONFIDENCE TO SHARE WITH A FRIEND**

Read Luke 10:25-37

A lawyer came to Jesus and asked "Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" Jesus had him answer his own question from the law of Moses. Write out his answer in verse 27.

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Verse 29 says: "But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbour?" Jesus tells the story of the Good Samaritan to illustrate.

According to this story, who is your neighbour?

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What motivated the Samaritan to help a stranger?

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Psychologists say that the greatest need we have is to love and be loved. Jesus offers us His love, the greatest of all love, and then tells us to share His love with others. Some of these people will be strangers but many will be people that are very close to us. We have learned and practised how to make a visit in the home of someone who had contact with our church. Now let's look at how to share the gospel with a friend. You will have many opportunities to share your faith with your friends and family. For you to be able to share effectively and with confidence, you will require training and practice.

The format for our visit will be very similar to what we have been doing. We will make a few necessary adjustments.

A. MAKE APPOINTMENT

1. Select one of the people on your prayer list (if possible).
2. Arrange to meet in their home or in a coffee shop or restaurant.

Make the appointment in person or by phone. You could say: **“Hi \_\_\_\_\_, this is \_\_\_\_\_ . How are you? (Talk about something you have in common.) The reason I am calling, \_\_\_\_\_, is that my friend \_\_\_\_\_ and I are learning to present a four-point outline on how to know God personally. One of our assignments is to share it with a friend. We would like to share it with you. How does \_\_\_\_\_ evening at \_\_\_\_\_ at the \_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant sound for a cup of coffee? I'll buy.”**

(If not convenient, set another time and place. If positive say: **“Great, we will see you \_\_\_\_\_ evening at \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant.”**)

**OR**

**Hi \_\_\_\_\_, this is \_\_\_\_\_ . How are you? (Talk about something you have in common.) \_\_\_\_\_, I've got something I want to run by you. My friend \_\_\_\_\_, and I are learning to present a four-point outline on how to know God personally. I don't know if you would be interested, but we'd like to get together over a cup of coffee and share it with you. How would \_\_\_\_\_ morning at \_\_\_\_\_ be for you? We could come to your home or meet at \_\_\_\_\_ Restaurant.**

(If not convenient, set another time and place. If positive say: **“Great, we will see you \_\_\_\_\_ morning at \_\_\_\_\_ at your house.”**)

B. PRAY (same as Lesson Three)

C. ARRIVAL PROCEDURE (same as Lesson Three)

D. ESTABLISH RAPPORT (same as before if visiting in the home)

When meeting in a coffee shop or restaurant simply introduce your partner to your friend. After getting to know them you can say, **“We appreciate the opportunity to meet today \_\_\_\_\_”**. Explain how you and your partner have enjoyed getting to know each other at church.

E. OMIT “ACQUAINT THEM WITH OUR CHURCH”. Go to “F”.

***NOTE;** At this point only one person on the team should do the talking and leading, and the other prays silently. The rest of the appointment would be done the same as in lesson three.*

F. PERSONAL TESTIMONY

G. DIAGNOSTIC QUESTIONS

H. SHARE MESSAGE

I. GIVE OPPORTUNITY FOR A DECISION

J. GROWTH CHALLENGE (if interested)

K. PRAY (if appropriate)

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ONE-TO-ONE

### AN OPPORTUNITY

Most Christians today would like to experience that same supernatural, dynamic and fulfilling life that is described in the New Testament epistles. It was not merely performance to them, but an invasion of their lives by a new quality of life which they described as 'Christ living in them'. That same life is available to us as we respond to God's Word.

### GOD'S PLAN

God's plan is for every believer to be a witness for Him. You are a vital part of that world wide work which He would have His people accomplish in this age. Is there anything more important?

### GOD'S POWER

God's promise: *"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

### WHAT IS DYNAMIC SHARING?

1. It consists of six one-to-one training sessions which are used by one person to train another who will in turn train another person.
2. We will meet together once a week for 2 hours to share, practice, pray and go out on an evangelistic appointment together.

### WHY ONE-TO-ONE?

1. Short-term one-to-one evangelism is easily reproduced. (The most effective way to pass on training to another)
2. Almost anyone can do individual training. A man trains a man, a woman trains a woman.

3. It provides potential for you to develop as a leader.
4. You will become more accountable.
5. It helps you become more committed in obedience to Christ as you model effective evangelism.
6. You will have an opportunity to develop strong Christian relationships.
7. There is flexibility in scheduling our Dynamic Sharing times together.

### THE GOALS OF DYNAMIC SHARING ARE TO:

1. Help you gain a vision for evangelism.
2. Help establish your confidence in the Holy Spirit as He empowers and directs in witnessing.
3. Help you learn how to share your personal testimony.
4. Help equip you to be a witness for Christ.
5. Help you plan effective follow-up for new believers.
6. Help you begin training others to be witness (to reproduce).

*"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses, entrust to reliable men who will also be qualified to teach others."* II Timothy 2:2

### WHAT ARE THE QUALIFICATIONS FOR YOU TO BE INVOLVED IN DYNAMIC SHARING?

1. A desire to grow in your relationship with Christ.
2. A teachable attitude - willingness to learn from and interact with others.
3. Purchase the training manual.
4. A commitment to attend weekly sessions.
5. A commitment to complete assignments.

### HAVE YOU MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO GO ON TO DYNAMIC SHARING?

### CAN I MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR YOU?