

God has made it clear that he endorses only one witnessing method for bringing a person to faith, using his Holy Word! There can be no argument here, as God has set the rules. If your goal is B, only focusing on God's words, as recorded in the Bible, will suffice!

There's only two types of people, believers and unbelievers. Unbelievers become believers through the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit works through God's Word, not man's arguments. **This is what we speak, not in words taught us by human wisdom but in words taught by the Spirit, expressing spiritual truths in spiritual words. 1 Corinthians 2:13**

“What is my driving motivation to witness?”

- A.** I enjoy debating.
- B.** Mormon Doctrine angers me.
- C.** I was burned by the LDS church, now I enjoy showing others it is false.
- D.** My love for Jesus as exemplified by my desire to do his will.
- E.** My love for Jesus as exemplified by my compassion for unbelievers.

A, B, and C are not God-pleasing motivations. Only the motivation of Love suffices. To search one's motivation honestly one must look into one's heart. It is the sad condition of even believers that sin is present in our hearts. If we examine ourselves honestly, we may see motivations like A, B, and C. But more crucial is; what is our driving (or primary) motivation.

If it is Love of Christ, answer D and/or E, we will want to obey his commands. Any compassion believers have for the lost flows from God's Love for us. **We love because he first loved us. 1 John 4:19.** Therefore we will want to follow his witnessing examples. Jesus did not attempt to convince the woman at the well that the Samaritan religion was false. He did not debate the historical or logical inconsistency of the Pharisees' beliefs with Nicodemus. Paul followed Christ's example: **For I resolved to know nothing while I was with you except Jesus Christ and him crucified. 1 Corinthians 2:2**

Therefore go and make disciples of all nations Matthew 28:19. In the Great Commission it is Jesus' command that we “make disciples”. This is accomplished using Jesus' teachings.

“In what do I place my trust that my witness will be fruitful?”

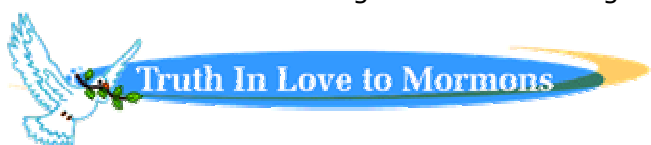
- A.** My ability to debate.
- B.** The power of my logical arguments.
- C.** My knowledge of biblical scriptures.
- D.** Jesus' promises.

Faith is a gift from God. Coming to faith is a miracle. Only God has such power. If our goal is to bring an unbeliever to Jesus; the fruitfulness of our efforts are completely dependent on him. But he has given us great promises: **I tell you the truth, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life and will not be condemned; he has crossed over from death to life. John 5:24.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age. **Matthew 28:20.** For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **Hebrews 4:12.** In what better hands could we place our trust?

A Parting Thought:

If people are not familiar with how Jesus wants them to witness, it is unlikely they will choose a witnessing tack that will glorify God. However, the more people know of their Savior:

- ➡ the more their goal will be Jesus' goal of bringing the lost into his fold



- ➡ the more their motivation will be love of Christ
- ➡ the more they will want to follow his will and use his word as their primary witnessing tool
- ➡ the more they will be able to place all their trust in their Lord
- ➡ and the more they will be willing to leave the outcome of their witness in his hands.

For this reason immerse yourself in God's Word. In this way you will endeavor to speak the truth in love, using God's Word to reach out to the lost. You will want to grow in your knowledge of how to use God's Word when witnessing to Mormons.

It is the purpose of the TruthInLoveToMormons.com web site to equip Christians in this venture. On this site you may learn how to interweave Law and Gospel messages, present God's Word in language that is meaningful to Mormons, and choose foundational biblical topics that will interest Mormons. May God continue to bless our work and your witnessing. **Amen.**

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. ¹⁵ Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ

Ephesians 4:14-15

