



**Quiet Time #8**  
**A Full Understanding of Every Good Thing**

**Scriptures:** Philemon 6; I Thessalonians 2:19-20, 3:6-9; Acts 5:40-42

**Summary & Lessons:**

Our faith must be active and exercised or it is really not faith at all, but merely an intellectual concept. What good is it to have faith, but keep it bottled up, and not helping anyone with it in the process? If we do not share our faith on campus, we miss out on the life God wanted us to live when we decided to become disciples. In sharing our faith, we gain relationships that are deeper and more meaningful than any other found on this earth. Yet, if we do not speak up, there is nothing to be gained. We gain joy through the Spirit just knowing that our sharing our faith is being like Jesus. That is the point isn't it?

It can be scary sharing our faith at times. I'm sure we've all had the encounters with other people who were less than receptive to what you've had to share with them about God. In the book of Acts, the disciples were flogged for speaking the Word. Yet they rejoiced! They had nothing to fear men who knew nothing of God. These days, you won't find yourself being physically beaten for share about God with others and yet we still fear it at times. Jesus wants us to have a full understanding every good thing we have as disciples. Evangelism is on of the best things! Think about it, if someone hadn't believed in sharing his or her faith, you may never have come to know God or his Kingdom. This is the joy in sharing our faith; extending our joy and knowledge to those who do not yet have it, much like we were at one point. Every time you share your faith it is an opportunity to gain a brother or sister! Preaching Jesus, even when it ends in persecution, is a privilege and joy knowing we are being like Jesus.

**Personal Applications:**

1. Have I been active in sharing my faith? How have I done in comparison to Jesus?
2. Do I really know and appreciate all the good things I have in Christ? What are they?
3. Who is my hope and my joy and my crown.
4. Set a challenging goal regarding sharing your faith today.

**Take it to God:**

1. Ask God to give you a burning desire that will move you to share at every opportunity today.
2. Pray for faith that can see the hope, joy and crown ahead.
3. Thank God that you can participate in the same purpose that Jesus had, that you can follow Him and be His disciple.