How To Give A Testimony

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony.” (Revelation 12:11)

Your personal testimony can win more people to Jesus than any other tool you can think of! However, one of the most important things to learn is how to give a testimony!

There are three points to remember in sharing what happened to you:

1. **Before** (what you were before salvation)
2. **During** (what brought about your salvation)
3. **After** (what God has done in your life)

Our testimony should be such an integral part of our lives that we can give a real “quickie”, or as long and with as many details as necessary.

Neither of us ever talk without giving a part of our testimony somewhere in the teaching or exhorting. So be instant in season and out of season with something of your seasonal testimony, which will communicate to the person to whom you are talking.

Never memorize a testimony because when it becomes “role” it loses its punch.

Change your wording so that you have to “think” about what you are saying! It will always be similar, but should never be shared exactly the same over and over again. Pick what part of your testimony will apply to the situation at hand.

For example, if the person is a smoker, tell him/her how you were delivered from cigarettes. If a person is an alcoholic, tell him/her how you were delivered from alcohol! If a person is on drugs, tell him/her how you were delivered from drugs. *(Obviously, if you never smoked, were never on drugs or alcohol, you can’t do that, but pick something that will relate to their present situation.)*

Don’t exaggerate! Be accurate! Make your testimony short, to the point and exciting.

A testimony may include many things besides your salvation. You can give a testimony of how God healed you!

A testimony may include how God has prospered you. Be specific. Don’t just say, “God has really blessed me”! Tell something specific HE has done for you!

Do not stretch your testimony. Some people “milk” a testimony and could have said the same thing with more punch in a third of the time taken. Also, do not cut it so short that it has no impact.

Be enthusiastic when you tell what God has done in your life. An unenthusiastic witness is worthless!

Share someone else’s testimony, which appealed to you. It’s always better to give your own, but many times we give short pieces of someone else’s testimony because it fits the occasion.

Tell how God healed your marriage, or possibly used you to get someone else’s marriage healed! Don’t whitewash yourself in the “before” testimony, and also don’t “roll in the mud” more than you actually did!

Use common sense as to the length of your testimony when you are sharing with someone. They might be in a hurry, and if you make it too long, you will lose them.

Convince yourself that you would accept Jesus from what you just said if you were not saved!

Always CLOSE THE SALE! *(Have them pray the “Sinner’s Prayer”.*