

Personal Testimony - Lesson

Lesson summary: Your testimony is one of the most powerful weapons you have against the enemy. It helps protect your mind from deceit, keeps you grateful, and influences others for Christ.

REVELATION 12:11 (NIV)

They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.

The Power of a Testimony

1. Winning the lost to Christ
 - a. People tend relate much easier to someone who comes to Christ than they do to a bunch of preaching about how they need to get saved.
 - b. Don't be surprised if the devil attacks you when you share your testimony of how Christ has changed your life is so powerful if you were to share it.
2. Encouraging others in their faith
 - a. Talking about what God has done for you gives courage to other believers.
3. Strengthening your own faith
 - a. Rehearsing your testimony encourages you as well.
 - b. It reminds us of where He has taken us from, it helps maintain gratitude in our hearts.
 - c. Occasionally contrast the person you are now with who you used to be.

Example: A friend was complimented on the fact that he had some very powerful things to say, and in response he said, "Thank you. I remember a time when nobody wanted to hear a thing I had to say. In fact, they would run the other way when they saw me coming."

Writing your Testimony

Develop your testimony and memorize it. Tell everyone who hasn't heard it, and tell people more than once.

1. The goal is a 2 minute testimony. Write it out first. Then refine it.
2. What are the most important aspects of a testimony?
 - a. What your life was like before Christ
 - b. How you came to know you needed Christ
 - c. How you gave your life to Christ
 - d. The difference that Christ has made in your life
3. Some questions to answer regarding life lessons you have learned
 - a. What has God taught me from failure, lack of money or waiting?
 - b. What has God shown me from pain, sorrow, illness or depression?
 - c. What has God taught me from disappointment?
 - d. What have I learned from family, church, relationships, small groups, critics?
4. Memorize your testimony and recite it to yourself regularly.

What are some things you know God did for you that you can share with others and at the same time glorify Him?