**HOW TO GIVE A TESTIMONY**

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**WHAT IS A TESTIMONY?**

It is sharing with others your personal experience with Jesus.

**WITNESSING BY SHARING A TESTIMONY IS ONE EVIDENCE THAT A PERSON IS CONVERTED**

Desire of Ages page 141 says:“no sooner one is converted, there is born within him a desire to make known to others, what a precious friend he hath fond in Jesus. The saving sanctifying truth cannot be locked up inside.” The reason why there is so little witnessing in the church today is that many of us are unconverted.

 **EXAMPLES OF PERSONS WHO ENCOUNTERED CHRIST AND COULD NOT KEEP QUIET.**

Paul –Acts 2: 3-21

The woman at the well ---John 4: 5-42

The Demoniac –Mark 5: 1 -20

**A TESTIMONY MUST BE SHORT**

**LONG TESTIMONIES WILL BORE THE LISTENERS AND KILL THE SERVICE**

**WE MUST SEEK EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO TESTIFY**

 We can find opportunities for witnessing while traveling on a bus, car, plane, in waiting rooms , in a line to be served or even on the telephone or the internet.

**SIX TYPES OF TESTIMONIES**

**1. Your conversion experience.**

 Say what your life was like before you met Jesus.

 Tell how you met Jesus.

 Share what a wonderful change Jesus brought about in your life.

**2. An answered prayer.**

 Share what was your need.

 Share what you told God.

 Share how God answered your prayer.

**3. A miraculous healing.**

 Tell the person what you were sick with.

 What was the doctor’s report?

 How you got healed.

**4. Deliverance from an addiction, accident or demon possession.**

 State the problem.

 How you were delivered.

5. **From rags to riches**.

 What life was like when you were poor?

 How you got rich.

 What life is like now?

6**. How you gained victory over an addiction.**

 Say what the addiction was.

 How it affected your life.

 How you gained the victory and for how long are free from it.

Desire of Ages p 822 says “whatever one’s calling in life, his first interest should be to win souls for Christ.”A testimony is a powerful way to win souls to Christ.