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Types of Testimony

A guide to understand the power of your testimony and how to use it to promote the Gospel message.



There's a Ministry in Your Testimony

Knowing that your testimony is powerful is the first step in being effective in sharing what God has done in your life. Our words and stories we share carry power, faith, healing and blessings and more to all who hear them. This booklet dives into 7 types of testimony, scriptures and Bible stories to illustrate the power of our testimonies. We also give encouragemet and advice on how to organize your testimony story so you can effectiveloy speak it or write it down.



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Salvation

- A testimony detailing that you were dead to your sins but Jesus came into your life to forgive you of them, giving you new life.
- A testimony story where you see and know Jesus as your personal savior.

Key Scriptures

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

John 4:1-42 Woman at the Well

Key verse: John 4:33 – Now many Samaritans from that city believed in Him and trusted Him as Savior because of what the woman said when she testified, "He told me all the things I have done!"



3 Keys of the Power of Salvation in Testimony

- The Power is from Jesus. 1 Corinthians 1:24 But to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God.
- 2. The Power of Transformation. **2 Corinthians 5:17** Therefore, if anyone is on Christ, the new creation has come: the old has gone, the new is here!
- 3. The Power of the Restoration Back to God. Acts 3:19-20 Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped away. Times of refreshing will come from the presence of the Lord, and He will send Christ, who has been appointed for you.

Healing





Key Scriptures

John 10:10 – The theif comes only to kill, steal or destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full.

Revelation 12:10-11 – Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God, and the authority of His Messiah. For the accuser of our brothers and sisters, who accuses them before our God day and night, has been hurled down. They triumphed over him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony



The Power of Healing and Victory in Testimony

· Power of Healing.

Jeremiah 17:14 – Heall me, Lord, and I will be healed; save me and I will be saved, for you are the one I praise.

· Power of Victory.

Deuteronomy 20:4 – For the Lord your God is the one who goes with you to fight for you against your enemies to give you victory.

Hosea 13:14 – I will deliver this people from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death.

1 Corinthians 20:4 – The sting of death is sin and the power of sin is the law. But thanks to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Pivotal Point

- A testimony story where you highlight a specific moment where you had a "prodigal son" awakening and came back to God and rededicated your life to God.
- Key sections to this form of testimony are:
 The Wandering, The Awakening, and The
 Rededication

Key Scriptures

Luke 15:11-32 The Prodigal Son – v. 17: When he came to his senses, he said, "How many of my father's hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death!"

2 Kings 22:8-11; 2 Kings 23 -

- Wandering and Awakening: During renovations to the Temple, the Book of the Law was found. King Josiah read the words, tore his robes in repentance realizing the people had disobeyed God's commands.
- **Rededication**: King Josiah led the nation back to God by removing the idols and bringing back worship to the Lord.

The Power of a Pivotal Point in Testimony.

Ephesians 5:13-14 – But everything exposed by the light becomes visible - and everything that is illuminated becomes a light. This is why it is said, "Wake up sleeper, rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."

Acts 3:19 –Repent, then, and turn to God, so that your sins may be wiped out, that times of refreshing may come from the Lord.

Trials



A testimony story where you had difficulty keeping the faith and needed to learn humility. Circumstances were hard and seemingly stacked against you. Even when others questioned God, you still remained faithful.



Key sections in this testimony are: The Trial, The Faith, and The Outcome.

Key Scriptures

The Book of Job

- **The Trial:** Job was a righteous man (Job 1:1-5). He lost his children, wealth, and health, (Job 1:13-19: Job 2:7-8)
- The Humility and Faith: Even though Job suffered greatly, he did not lose faith in God and he accepted God's will. He showed deep humility by remaining faithful to God in his trials. Job 2:10: in all this Job did not sin with his lips
- The Outcome: God blessed Job and gave him double what he had before. It shows that having perserverance through trials can lead to greater blessings. Job 42:10: And the Lord restored the fortunes of Job when he had prayed for his friends. And the Lord gave Job twice as much ashe had before.



The Power of Overcoming Trials in Testimony.

1 Peter 5:6 – Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that He may lift you up in due time.

Philippians 2:3-5 – Do nothingout of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility, value others above yourself. Not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of others. In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Jesus Christ.

Proverbs 22:4 – Humility is the fear of the Lord; its wages are riches and honor and life.

Blessings



A testimony story highlighting a time when God blessed you with answered prayer, whether it was for finances, a home, a spouse, a child, a growing business, etc.

Key Scriptures



- James 1:17 Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change.
- Philippians 4:19 And my God will meet all your needs according to the riches and glory in Christ Jesus.



The Power of God's Blessings in Testimony.

Jeremiah 29:11 – For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord. Plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you a hope and a future.

Psalms 34:8 – Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.

2 Corinthians 9:8 – And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you'll abound in every good work.

Acts 4:33 – And with great ability and power the apostles were continuously testifying to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus and great grace rested richly upon them all.

God's Faithfulness



A testimony story detailing that even though you messed up, God was faithful. this testimony is a story of when God came through for you.

Key Scriptures

Story of Noah and the Ark – Genesis Chapters 6-9

God promised to protect Noah and his family from the flood and God kept his word by providing a way of escape through the Ark.

- **Genesis 6:8-9** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord. This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless in his generation, and he walked with God.
- Genesis 9:15 I will remember my covenant between me and you and all living creatures of every kind. Never again will the waters become a flood to destroy all life.

Story of Moses and the Exodus

God guiding Moses and the Israelites through the wilderness to the Promised Land

• **Exodus 34:6-7** - The Lord, the Lord, A God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness, keeping steadfast love for thousands, forgiving iniquity and transgression and sin.



The Power of God's Faithfulness in Testimony.

Joshua 1:5 – It is the Lord who goes before you. He will be with you; he will not leave you or forsake you. Do not fear or be dismayed.

1 Corinthians 1:9 – God is faithful, who has called you into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Psalm 91:4 – He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

Spiritual Growth



A testimony story that reveals inner transformation and deepening spiritual understanding. Deeper conviction, maturity in Christ or developing a deeper relationship with Jesus.

Key Scriptures

Romans 10:17 - So faith comes from hearing [what is told] and what is heard comes by the [preaching of] the message concerning Christ.



2 Corinthians 3:18 – And we all, with unveiled face, are reflecting the glory of the Lord and are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another.

Galatians 5:22-23 – These are the traits of the Holy Spirit growing in us and indicates spiritual maturity. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, gentleness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control."

Hebrews 6:1 – We need to move beyone the basic teachings of Christianity and pursue deeper spiritual understanding. "Therefore, let us leave the elementary doctrine of Christ and go on to maturity..."

Ephesians 4:13 - The goal is for all of us to be mature believers. "...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ."

Write Your Testimony

Now that you have learned seven types of testimony, I pray you have a story that fits in one or more category. Further, I pray you see the immense imortance of sharing your testimony to others.

Where possible, I have even pointed out a 3-point structure of these testimonies to help you simplify the somewhat daunting process of organizing your thoughts and writing them down.

Spend time in preparation and prayer before you even begin to put pen to paper. Ask Holy Spirit to share a certain story within you, knowing that He will guide you to say exactly everything you need to say to get the Christ message that's within your testimony to come out.

Someone out there is waiting to hear your testimony!





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