

# The Power of Testimony

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**Introduction:** While meditating on the idea of testimony and the work of the Holy Spirit in our lives, one question comes to mind: What is a testimony?

For the non-believer, a testimony may seem like an opportunity to boast; a moment where someone appears to take credit for saving themselves by their own strength.

But for the believer, it's much more. A testimony is simply telling our story; declaring the goodness of God, how He has saved us from sin, and how He continues to draw us to Himself even when we stumble and fall. Testimony is not about us; it's about Him.

## The Importance of Testimony in Scripture

The Bible consistently emphasizes the power of declaring what God has done.

- Psalm 107:2 (NKJV): "Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, whom He has redeemed from the hand of the enemy."
- Revelation 12:11 (NKJV): "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."

Our testimony glorifies God and serves as a witness to others. It's not about perfection—it's about pointing people to Jesus.

## The Reality of Struggle

The Christian life is not without battles. Scripture reminds us that we face both temptation and spiritual warfare.

- John 10:10 (NKJV): "The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."

The enemy seeks to bring destruction, but Christ offers abundant life. Testimony often emerges out of this tension, acknowledging that yes, the struggle is real, but so is the power of God to deliver, restore, and heal.

- Romans 7:15 (NLT): "I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate."

Like Paul, we wrestle with sin. But every time God gives us victory, it becomes a testimony that strengthens others.

## The Light That Exposes and Heals

God does not reveal hidden things to shame us, but to set us free.

- Luke 8:17 (NKJV): "For nothing is secret that will not be revealed, nor anything hidden that will not be known and come to light."

When the Lord brings things into the light, it is an act of grace. His goal is not condemnation, but restoration. And when we share how He has done this in our lives, it encourages others to step into freedom.

## Reordering Priorities

Testimony also reminds us of where our treasure is.

- Matthew 6:21 (NKJV): “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”

Many people live with misplaced priorities, chasing success, pleasure, or even good things like family or sports. But when God changes our lives, He realigns our hearts to place Him first. A true testimony always points to a reordered life with Christ at the center.

### **Application: Write Your Testimony**

If you have never written your testimony, I encourage you to begin. Start with one page. Write out what your life was like before Christ, how you encountered Him, and what He has done since. This is not just for you; it's a tool to share the gospel.

Your testimony may be the very thing God uses to bring hope, healing, and salvation to someone else.

**Closing:** If you have not yet given your life to God, I urge you: open your heart and let Him in. Taste and see that the Lord is good. (Psalm 34:8)