

# TELLING OUR STORY OF SALVATION

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**We can talk about witnessing for Christ, think about witnessing for Christ, and we can learn about witnessing (giving our testimony/presenting the gospel story) ...but, we must “do it” to have the satisfaction of being a witness for Christ!**

The Parable of the Orange Tree! (google “The Parable of the Orange Tree” by Dr. John White)...This depicts the typical Christian’s concept of witnessing.

You want to be a witness...but where and when do I have the opportunity?

Answer: Everywhere we go...every chapter of our lives each day!

## **There are Six (6) Types of Witnessing:**

1. **Conversational Witnessing** – Confronting sin and getting to the point.

Jesus’ conversation with Peter, Matthew 16:15

2. **Logic or Intellectual Evangelism** – Using knowledge and intellect to convince.

Example...Paul: Acts 17:16-31

3. **Testimonial Evangelism** - A story to tell of how Jesus saves...and has saved you. A life changed by the power of God.

Example: The blind man who testified to the Pharisees..

John 9:30 – 33

4. **Friendship/Relationship Witnessing** – Getting to know the people in whom you will witness... tailoring the approach to the person’s need.

Jesus was a great example: Matthew 15:28

5. **Invitational Witnessing** - Inviting people to meet Christ (Inviting to Bible Studies/Church Services/Small Groups). Goal of Christian is for the person invited to see faith in action.

Example: Matthew (Levi)...the tax collector Matthew 9:9-10

6. **Service Evangelism** - Being an example of Christ through service. Helping the poor, homeless, widow, single parents, shut-in's, confined to prison, etc.

This will open the door to the more important and greater need...

Salvation through Faith!

Examples: Paul/Dorcas/Timothy. Those with a servant's heart! Acts 9:36



### **Remember When Witnessing... ..Points to always know!**

- God is on our side and He is with us...
- The Holy Spirit does the convicting and the convincing
- Our part is to be a willing vessel
- However... we must be a “prepared” willing vessel
- God desires for us to have a “spirit of excellence” when we are doing His work.
- A “spirit of excellence” can be obtained by praying, praising, planning...and practicing!
- Tools to Carry With Us Where Possible:

Our Testimony (this is with us at all times),  
A prayer for wisdom,  
Bible-Based Tracts,  
The Word of God...The Bible.

### **Your Testimony... Your Conversion Experience!**

Keep it simple and to the point...

In two or three minutes tell:

Where you were before conversion

(a sinner like everyone else);

What happened at conversion;

Why it is so important to you now!

Your conversion experience is exclusively yours... it is your “personal” testimony.

**The Holy Spirit will help you testify... it is a promise!**

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... especially if you can't personally take the time to witness

... or the person does not have the time to give you!

Be alert...courteous at all times!

**Remember you represent Jesus at all times...  
that is your living testimony!**