



TESTIMONY

John 4:27-30; 39-42 (NIV)

Revelation 12:11 (NKJV)

Dictionary Definition of Testimony

Definition 1

a formal written or spoken statement, especially one given in a court of law.

Definition 2

evidence or proof provided by the existence or appearance of something.

Definition 3

a public recounting of a religious conversion or experience.

Dictionary Definition of Testify

Definition 1

give evidence as a witness in a law court.

Definition 2

serve as evidence or proof of something's existing or being the case.

Latin

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- The Latin root for testimony is **testis**, meaning “witness.”

NB:

- a person who sees an event.
- evidence; proof.

Hebrew

- Strong's Number H5715: “witness”; “testimony”
- The word testimony in Hebrew is '**Aydooth**' which means 'do it again with the same power and authority'.
- Every time we speak out, or read a testimony we are saying Lord, 'do it again' with the same power and authority.

Greek

- **Strong's Number: 3140 - Martureo**
- to be a witness, to bear witness,
i.e. to affirm that one has **seen** or **heard** or **experienced** something, or that he **knows** it because taught by divine revelation or inspiration

The Disciples Rejoin Jesus

- ²⁷ Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”
- ²⁸ Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,
- ²⁹ “Come, see a man who told me everything I ever did. Could this be the Messiah?”
- ³⁰ They came out of the town and made their way toward him.

Many Samaritans Believe

- ³⁹ Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's testimony, "He told me everything I ever did."
- ⁴⁰ So when the Samaritans came to him, they urged him to stay with them, and he stayed two days.
- ⁴¹ And because of his words many more became believers.
- ⁴² They said to the woman, "We no longer believe just because of what you said; now we have **heard for ourselves**, and we know that this man really is the Savior of the world."

1) Encounter with Jesus Christ. In person, through the Word, etc.

27 Just then his disciples returned and were surprised to find him talking with a woman. But no one asked, “What do you want?” or “Why are you talking with her?”

2) It should be heard by others. Therefore, if the evidence remains with you, the full intent of testimony will not be accomplished.

-It may require leaving behind what is valuable to you in order to testify.

-The Samaritan woman left behind her jar. For you and I, we might be required to leave behind our ego, to testify. **The enemy challenges this step.**

- **28** Then, leaving her water jar, the woman went back to the town and said to the people,

3) Let your testimony be known by the people in your immediate circle even before those far from you.

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said to the people,

4) Testimony in the Kingdom is an evangelistic tool.

5) Testimony in the Kingdom must reference people back to the source (Jesus Christ).

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6) Testimony in the Kingdom should cause others to believe in Jesus Christ.

39 Many of the Samaritans from that town believed in him because of the woman's **testimony**, "He told me everything I ever did."

7) Testimony in the Kingdom should create an earnest desire in others such that they long to have firsthand encounter(s) with Jesus Christ.

8) Pray before testifying.

Pray that your testimony from the Lord will serve as vehicle that moves a person from a state of ...

unbelieve ➡ believe ➡ total surrender to Jesus Christ as
➡ the Savior ➡ and Lord of their lives.

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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.

9) Through testimonies in the kingdom, we overcome the devil.

Why?

- ...because through testimonies we proclaim Jesus Christ.
- ...because through testimonies we point others Jesus Christ.
- ...because through testimonies people believe Jesus Christ.
- ...because through testimonies many advance in their walk with Jesus Christ when they see, hear, and comprehend what He can do in and through others.
- ... because seen and unseen evil forces reckon that there is a superior authority.

10) Through testimonies in the kingdom, we establish that ...

- speaking ABOUT Christ and FOR Christ is not burdensome.**
- we love Christ more than our ego.**
- We are indeed grateful and are willing to freely express it.**

Songs

- I Testify – Ada
- Testimony – Perdita Njoh
- My Testimony – Elevation Worship
- My Testimony – Marvin Sapp
- Testimony – Mercy Chinwo
- Amen – Kari Jobe