

# **The Art of Personal Witnessing - Part 3**

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## I. Part 1.

### A. Introduction.

1. Preparation is a necessity.
2. Fruit in the Christian life is a result of first taking root. (Isaiah 37:31)
3. One takes root by:
  - a. Getting into the Bible and gaining a working knowledge of it.
  - b. Having a personal time with Jesus Christ.
  - c. Depending upon the Holy Spirit for power.

### B. The approach.

1. Get going—go to the people. (Mark 16:15, Exodus 4:12, John 1:41-45)
2. This will require giving up some Christian fellowship in order to be with the lost.
3. You must know and study the Lord and the person from whom you are trying to get an opportunity from to share Jesus.
  - a. You do not have to know all the answers.
  - b. You gain confidence by being interested in what the person is interested in.
  - c. You can also use honest and sincere commendation.
  - d. Use service to win a hearing for the gospel too.
  - e. A simple testimony is a powerful tool for sharing the gospel. (Psalm 107:2)

## II. Part 2.

### A. Introduction.

1. Subject: telling the story.
2. Review.

### B. Getting an opening.

1. There is no formula, but only some suggestions.

2. Use an appropriate, tasteful gospel track. Say, “Here is something I’d like you to look at. Read it over and I’d like to hear what you think.”

3. Simply ask permission to share something important to you.

4. Witnessing is simply taking a good look at the Lord Jesus and sharing what you have seen.

5. Always be courteous. (2 Timothy 2:24)

6. We should be straight to the point and not be devious.

7. Stick to the point.

C. Do’s and Don’t s in telling the story.

1. Do not presuppose a negative response.

2. Do bring them face to face with Jesus Christ Himself.

3. Do use your Bible to show them what God has to say.

4. Do not try to force a person.

5. Never argue.

6. Keep it simple.

7. Make sure you share the gospel—this is a certain body of facts. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

D. Be sure you tell the true gospel story.

III. Part 3.

A. Introduction.

1. The need for the gospel—spiritual blindness and death. (2 Corinthians 4, Acts 26:18, Ephesians 2:1)

2. The only remedy is the gospel. The gospel is essential in salvation and must be preached in evangelism. (Romans 1)

3. It must be spoken in power and simplicity.

B. Gospel defined. (1 Corinthians 15:3-4)

1. Essential facts: Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, was buried and rose on the third day according to the Scriptures.

2. The approach will vary.

3. Four point outline.

a. The fact of sin. This includes every individual. (Romans 3:23)

b. The penalty of sin is death. (Romans 6:23)

c. Jesus Christ paid the penalty for our sin. (Romans 5:8)

1) Only Christ, a perfect Person, could pay for our sins since He had none of His own.

2) Further, only Christ could pay for every person's sin because of His supreme worth as God. (1 Peter 2:24)

d. We must receive and accept this personally to benefit from it.

1) We receive Christ as our own personal Savior. (John 1:12)

2) We repent from our sin, which is changing our mind about our sin and about God.

3) Christ promises that if we receive Him in our hearts He will come in to us. (Revelation 3:20)

IV. Part 4.

A. Introduction.

1. Subject: the caring for the new Christian.

2. A new Christian needs help immediately.

B. Contents to cover.

1. Assurance of salvation.

a. Satan uses doubt.

b. People allow a doubt to come in because they trust in feelings that are an unsafe guide.

c. People also allow doubt to come in because they fail to realize one can have absolute assurance. (1 John 5:11-12, Revelation 3:20)

1) If you have the Son, you have life.

2) Christ is waiting to be invited in; His promise is that He will come in once invited. Assurance rests on the promises of the Scriptures.

2. Follow up immediately.

- a. A new Christian needs a spiritual parent. (1 Corinthians 4:15)
- b. A new Christian needs to be cared for and trained immediately as a baby.
- c. Satan immediately attacks with doubt.

**Application questions**

1. What are the contents of the gospel?

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2. How should one approach sharing the gospel with someone?

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3. What are key areas to address when following up?

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