

## **Stewards of the Testimony**

**Psalm 66:16** <sup>16</sup> Come *and* hear, all who fear God, And I will tell of what He has done for my soul.

Everyone who is in Christ has a testimony- a story of what God has done for their soul.

Could we come out of darkness into light, pass from light to death, go from slaves to sons, from enemies of God to intimate friends, and not have a story to tell?

People need to hear your story! Gather whoever will listen and use it strategically and intentionally for the glory of God.

**Revelation 12:11** <sup>11</sup> And they overcame him because of the blood of the Lamb and because of the word of their testimony, and they did not love their life even when faced with death.

We overcome Satan by testifying! We can be used to lead non-believers to faith in Christ and strengthen believers' faith!

"All who fear God"- other believers- need to hear your testimony as much as a lost person does.

**Exodus 25:16** <sup>16</sup> You shall put into the ark the testimony which I shall give you.

**Hebrews 9:3-5** <sup>3</sup> Behind the second veil there was a tabernacle which is called the Holy of Holies, <sup>4</sup> having a golden altar of incense and the ark of the covenant covered on all sides with gold, in which was a golden jar holding the manna, and Aaron's rod which budded, and the tables of the covenant; <sup>5</sup> and above it were the cherubim of glory overshadowing the mercy seat; but of these things we cannot now speak in detail.

**(each its own slide)**

Golden jar holding manna- the story of God your Provider's miraculous provision.

Aaron's rod which budded- the story of God your Father's choosing you and causing you to bear fruit.

Tables of the covenant- the story of God giving His Word to you, redeeming you, and surrounding you on every side

**2 Peter 1:16** <sup>16</sup> For we did not follow cleverly devised tales when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty.

People can deny the things you believe **about** God, but they cannot ever fully discount your experience **with** God.

**Luke 17:11-18** <sup>11</sup> While He was on the way to Jerusalem, He was passing between Samaria and Galilee. <sup>12</sup> As He entered a village, ten leprous men who stood at a distance met Him; <sup>13</sup> and they raised their voices, saying, "Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!" <sup>14</sup> When He saw them, He said to them, "Go and show yourselves to the priests." And as they were going, they were cleansed. <sup>15</sup> Now one of them, when he saw that he had been healed, turned back, glorifying God with a loud voice, <sup>16</sup> and he fell on his face at His feet, giving thanks to Him. And he was a Samaritan. <sup>17</sup> Then Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But the nine—where are they? <sup>18</sup> Was no one found who returned to give glory to God, except this foreigner?"

We will be good stewards of our testimonies when we practice GRATITUDE. Thank God and then open your mouth!

**Matthew 8:4** <sup>4</sup> And Jesus \*said to him, "See that you tell no one; but go, show yourself to the priest and present the offering that Moses commanded, as a testimony to them."

**Acts 4:19-20** <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered and said to them, "Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; <sup>20</sup> for we cannot stop speaking about what we have seen and heard."

What have you seen and heard in your walk with Jesus that everyone needs to hear?