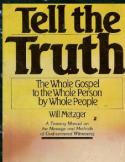
# Personal Testimony Worksheet

by Meredith Curtis/Adapted from Will Metzger's Tell the Truth



If you are a Christian, you have a testimony. God has forgiven your sins, transformed your life. Ephesians chapter two tells us that we used to live in sin according to the ways of the world. We were by nature objects of wrath. God rescued us! He made us alive! For each one of us, though, the circumstances are unique. Maybe you were raised in a Christian home or you may have lived a wild life before you came to Christ. Not only do you have a testimony, but that testimony is powerful.

"Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying, 'Now the salvation, and the power, and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren has been thrown down, he who accuses them before our God day and night. 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," (Revelation 12:10-11 NASB).

Revelation 12:11 proclaims that we overcome the enemy of our souls with the blood of Jesus and our testimony. You are also an Ambassador of Christ. You can share your testimony so that others will be able to be set free and have a relationship with Jesus too. You will share your testimony in many ways. Sometimes you will want to go into a lot of detail and other times you'll need to keep it brief. Sometimes a portion of your testimony will fit in perfectly in a conversation about another topic. In bits and pieces, the long version, and the concise five minute account of our testimony will impact lives! People can argue with the Gospel but no one can argue with our testimony because it is our personal experience with God.

Be sure to include a portion of the Gospel in your testimony. I'll give you an example. When I was growing up, I believed that I was a good person. When people shared the Gospel with me and told me that I was a "sinner," it was hard for me to swallow, even though I definitely was a sinner! Right before I gave my life to Christ, I became incredibly convicted of sin. I was overwhelmed by guilt and, finally, saw my need for forgiveness and a Savior. This is part of my testimony.

Your testimony is your spiritual autobiography. Many Christians are unable to point to a crisis experience, or we do not always know the date when God brought us into His kingdom (perhaps He did so when we were young). This does not mean you have nothing to testify about. Be winsome, honest, and wholesome. Never go into detail about sins. After a person has heard your story will they know basic truths about Christ, or only know you better? Use some of the phrases under each heading to help you focus on important things.

Are you ready? Let's work on your testimony! Answer the following questions. Once you have answered all the questions, you can summarize everything into a simple story. Feel free to practice your testimony with friends and family to increase your confidence.

(The following is adapted from Will Metzger's book, Tell the Truth)

#### 1. What I Was Like:

My family, friends, interests were....My security (most important value) was....My religious background (denomination name not necessary) and attitude about Christ was....

#### 2. What God Used To Open My Eyes:

I was awakened to my need by (people, meeting, circumstances)....What I thought and/or noticed (about myself, God, others) at this point....

#### 3. What It Was I Saw/Understood:

Those aspects of the gospel that touched me were.... I came to understand that Christ.... I saw my need was....

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#### 4. How Christ Has/Is Affecting My Life:

My relationships with....

My attitude toward....

My desires now are....

I'm now doing....

A difficult area of obedience is....

**READ ACTS 26:1-23.** Try to divide Paul's testimony into the four categories listed above, then using the space provided write your own testimony.

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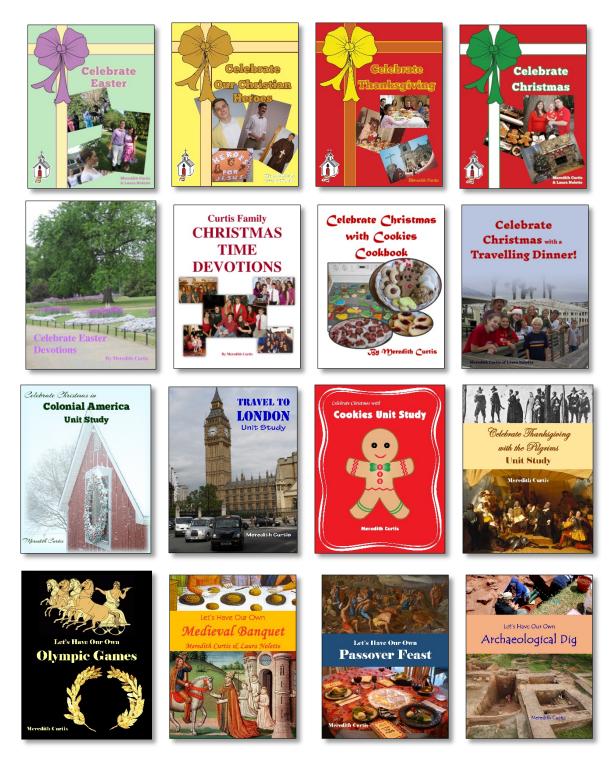
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