



The Power Of Christian Testimony

“And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death” (Revelation 12:11).

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A Dictionary defines testimony as:

- 1) a formal written or spoken statement... e.g. Isaiah 8:20 To the law and to the testimony: if they speak not according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
- 2) evidence or proof of something e.g. Luke 9:5 And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them.
- 3) a public recounting of a religious conversion or experience e.g. Revelations 12:11; Hebrews 11:5).

This message is centred on the 3rd meaning. Testimonies throw the curtain open and lets in light that inspires others to believe that “it is possible”. It enlivens hope that “if God did it for so and so, He can do it for me”.

Revelations 12:11 reminds us that overcoming is linked to believers testimonies. One way that happens is through the model it presents for others to follow “He that walketh with wise men shall be wise: but a companion of fools shall be destroyed” (Proverbs 13:20). Note also:

- 1) Hebrews 6:12 That ye be not slothful, but followers of them who through faith and patience inherit the promises.
- 2) Hebrews 13:7 Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation.
- 3) 1 Timothy 4:12 Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.
- 4) 1 Peter 2:12 Having your conversation honest among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by your good works, which they shall behold, glorify God in the day of visitation.
- 5) 1 Peter 3:5-6 For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in

“By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God” (Hebrews 11:5).

God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: 6 Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

- 6) 1 Peter 3:1 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives;

Other ways testimonies work, include:

- 1) 3 John 1:12 Demetrius hath good report of all men, and of the truth itself: yea, and we also bear record; and ye know that our record is true.
- 2) Psalm 81:5 This he ordained in Joseph for a testimony, when he went out through the land of Egypt...
- 3) Acts 13:22 And when he had removed him, he raised up unto them David to be their king; to whom also he gave their testimony, and said, I have found David the son of Jesse, a man after mine own heart, which shall fulfil all my will.
- 4) Daniel 3:28 Then Nebuchadnezzar spake, and said, Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who hath sent his angel, and delivered his servants that trusted in him, and have changed the king's word, and yielded their bodies, that they might not serve nor worship any god, except their own God.

Remember that “... the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy” (Revelation 19:10).