

Sharing Your Faith with a Word of Truth

Dr. Billie Hanks, Jr., in his discipleship book entitled, **A Call to Growth**, categorizes witnessing opportunities in three ways. One of the ways he calls **Sharing a Word of Truth**.

Sharing a Word of Truth is briefly imparting a single truth about God from a personal perspective. It may be about how God has provided for your needs, or how He gave you strength to get through a tough time. A Word of Truth may be about how God gave you specific guidance or direction in your life.

(“A Call to Growth”, International Evangelism Association, Salado, Texas, page 41).

Sharing a Word of Truth is the simplest, least structured, briefest, and most casual way to give a witness for Jesus Christ. Any believer can effectively share a Word of Truth. It can be accomplished in a few brief moments. There are many occasions when we do not have three (3) minutes to share our personal testimony or 12-15 minutes to share the whole plan of salvation, so sharing a Word of Truth often fits into those brief moments at the gas station, restaurant, the store, or other places where you encounter people and have brief moments of time to share.

In John 1:41 we see Andrew encountering the Lord Jesus and then immediately finding his brother Simon and telling him, “We have found the Messiah (that is the Christ).” Andrew spoke only five (5) words when he shared a Word of Truth with his brother, yet they were powerful and effective.

You can share a Word of Truth about God, what He has done in your life, and you will grow in your boldness as you follow the Holy Spirit’s prompting.

Here are some important things to remember when sharing a Word of Truth.

- 1. Pray.** Prayer must be your first choice because it focuses your thinking, your actions, and your expectation on the power, the plan, and the love of God working in and through your life. It humbles you, and allows you to see the circumstances of your day from God’s perspective, which is true reality.
- 2. You must choose to be used by God on a daily basis.** Each day ask God to give you opportunities and to empower you and make you sensitive to those opportunities. Then, go out and look for them as you walk through your day.
- 3. Make sure that your life is pure** before the Lord Jesus Christ, no unconfessed sin, no unsundered areas in your life, allowing Him to be Lord.

4. **Your time belongs to God.** When you received Jesus as Savior and Lord, He took ownership of you, all that you are, and all that you have, including your time. As God puts people in front of you and prompts you by His Holy Spirit to share a Word of Truth, He is giving you an assignment. You must obey and rearrange your schedule to meet His timing. That is part of walking in obedience, and He will bless you for it. In fact, look at the assignment as an opportunity to experience God at work in your life and as a spiritual blessing coming your way!
5. **The Holy Spirit's leading is the key.** None of us are capable in our own fleshly power or knowledge to know who to talk to, when to talk to them, or what to say. God is in charge and is working in all of that. So, depend on the Holy Spirit to direct you to know who, when, and what to say. By depending on the Holy Spirit you are not depending on yourself and you don't have to worry about being inadequate or afraid to share.
6. **Leave the results to God.** It is the Holy Spirit who convicts the "world of sin, righteousness, and of judgement." He moves on the human heart and mind to convict and draw people to God. Yet, He has given man a free will to choose or reject the truth of the Gospel. In no way can you take responsibility for the result of your witnessing encounters as you share obediently under the Holy Spirit's leading. But you can share and pray.

Your Personal Words of Truth

While the Holy Spirit will direct you in the who, when, and what to do regarding sharing a Word of Truth, you already have truth about God that He has revealed to you as you have experienced Him work in your life, both in salvation, and day by day. What are some words of truth that you could share? Write several in the spaces below.

1. _____

2. _____

By faith, each of us must allow God to work in us to deepen the message of our lives and He will broaden our ministry. Allow His love and power to overcome your fears and develop a spiritual spontaneity that equips you to witness for God as He prompts you to do so.

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. - I Peter 3:15 NIV