

The Wonder of a Testimony:

Testimony by definition requires that there be a personal communication of some sort. To testify one needs to involve them self in a honest presentation of the truth. To testify one confirms the evidence of a certain situation or circumstance; they give proof and become a witness of...

From the beginning of Scripture the wonder of a testimony is revealed.

- The Law received on Mount Sinai was called the “two tables of testimony” confirming God’s interaction with Moses. The Ark of the Covenant was called the Ark of the Testimony where the priests witnessed the Glory of God.
- The people of Israel were to be God’s treasured possession testifying to God’s Sovereignty.
- Psalm 19 tells us “the heavens declare the glory of God”. In other words, Creation itself gives evidence to a Creator God.

The greatest testimony given to us by God is the person Jesus Christ, God’s Son. One of the basic truths of a testimony is it requires more than one person to confirm. This is the case with Jesus Christ as revealed in the Scriptures. Testimony regarding Jesus includes:

- John the Baptist...
- The works of Jesus... signs and wonders testify to Jesus Christ being the Son of God.
- God the Father...
- The Scriptures...
- And Moses...

We are told in the Scriptures that **“I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁴ that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, ⁵ and that he appeared...”** This is the gospel in a nutshell. One of the most convincing realities of the person of Jesus Christ – before and after his death – was that many people witnessed his life.

The wonder of a testimony has several significant ways of impacting those who hear. The bible tells us the tongue has the power of life and death. So it is with a testimony. In a court of law giving testimony begins by swearing to tell the truth. If one is found bearing a false testimony they can go to jail. A wonder of a truthful testimony is the freedom it brings to one and all.

How many of you went to the fireworks on Canada Day? The witness of that event will vary according to everyone who attended because we all saw the event from different views. Even though there are many different lines of sight or witness to the fireworks, each testimony has a value attached to it. A wonder of a testimony is its personal uniqueness.

Everyone has a story to tell whether it is about God’s faithfulness or your salvation experience. We never know when we will be required to speak up for the Lord. It is a wonderful thing to experience – common ground – when sharing a testimony. A forced testimony can offend, but when a testimony is rightly given it just feels so good, because you and the person listening are connecting. A wonder of a testimony is being able to connect with other people.

In sharing your story it is always important to remember to glorify God and not our life of sin. God has set us free from a self-serving sinful life in order to be a blessing to others. When we speak to the freedom God has brought our lives it gives hope to the hearers. A wonder of a testimony is its ability to give hope and a future to the person.

I have heard people share this or that experience of God's faithfulness in their lives in such a way that it appears their life is completely without struggle. Sometimes people tend to promise a life of perfection or bliss when sharing their testimony. God is faithful and it is the faithfulness of God in the midst of life's struggle that gives a testimony its wonder...

One last thing before we open the mike up to our personal testimonies. We must learn to present our witness of God's faithfulness in our lives by balancing facts and feelings. A testimony shared without feelings can be dry and boring. On the other hand, a testimony shared without facts can be seen as emotional exaggeration. A testimony that combines both facts and feelings is a wonderful experience.