

Personal Witnessing Tips

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1. Personal Witnessing ties in directly with your quiet time with the Lord. As you spend time in prayer, ask the Lord for opportunities to share the gospel, and the boldness to do so!
2. Remember Matthew 10:7, "As you go preach!" Go about your daily life, but be observant and available to share, as the Lord would lead. (Truly, if I got up in the morning and wondered who I was going to share with or what I was going to say, I would have a huge knot of fear in my stomach all day! However, if I just go about my daily life praying for opportunities, when they do occur they are natural and exciting, not fearful!)

I love the way Reza Rasti, the Scripture specialist at International Headquarters, puts it... "Something really special happens when we get to watch the work of the Holy Spirit firsthand; it's like we receive this burst of energy that leaves us wanting more and more. Sometimes we may get nervous right before we witness, and that is not unusual. But when we feel the urging from the Lord, He is ALWAYS faithful to yield the fruit, whether we see it or not. It's truly humbling to watch God work in and through us, and all we have to do is be willing and available."

3. As you are willing and available, be sure you have plenty of Personal Workers Testaments on hand in your home, in your car, in your purse. You can't share them if you don't have them! Remember, God's Word will speak long after you have gone home in words far more eloquent than you could ever imagine.
4. Depend upon the Holy Spirit for direction, for opportunities, for the words. No two witnessing experiences will be the same.
5. Try to get the first name of the person you are sharing with so that it becomes a more personal conversation.
6. Remember success in witnessing is not determined by whether or not someone prays to accept Christ at that moment. Success in witnessing is determined by your willingness to share. The power is not in the presenter or the presentation. The power is in the promise! As it states in Isaiah 55:11, God's Word will not come back void. God alone does the saving!
7. Try not to end on a "no"! If someone refuses a New Testament, if possible, try again to give it away to another person, ending with someone that receives it gladly. You are more apt to end your day energized to share again, if you end on a "YES"! You will find that there really are very few negative responses! Just keep sharing!
8. When people say they are not ready to accept Christ, you might say something like, "You know, what we've been talking about is not between you and me anyway. This is between you and

God! You can pray this prayer or one like it anytime, anywhere to accept Christ as your personal Savior. You can know that I will be praying for you!”

9. Use your witnessing journal to record the names and/or situations of those to whom you give a Testament... and those who accept Christ as their personal Savior. You might also ask the people you talk with if they have any special needs they would like you to remember in prayer. Write the date and a few notes to help you remember the encounter. As your journal fills with entries, you will be amazed at how just a name and date will trigger a memory of the situation. An example of an entry might be “Eric, stock boy at the grocery, accepted Christ in the dairy section!” You can then use your record as a reminder to pray for those people who have begun a new life in Christ, or for those who have yet to decide. Plus, when you see those people again, you can call them by name! As you see the entries in your journal, you will also be reminded of God’s faithfulness. You asked Him to use you to share the gospel, and He did in a powerful way that yielded eternal results!
10. Remember, it all starts and ends with prayer. The opportunities to make an eternal difference happen only when you ask the Lord to allow you the great privilege of taking part. Once you truly become intentionally willing to share the gospel, you will be absolutely amazed to watch the Lord not only provide the opportunity, but speak through you to bring a soul to Him. Then your prayers will be of praise and thanksgiving! It is exciting and I believe once you step out in faith to share God’s plan of salvation, you will never be silent again!