

Sunday, January 07, 2018
Union Baptist Church, Wilmington
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8a.m. and 11a.m. Services
Series: Balance of Your Work, Worship, and Witness
Sermon: What makes our talk testimony?

4 Characteristics of a real testimony:

Revelation 12:9-11 (KJV) ⁹ And the great dragon was cast out, that old serpent, called the Devil, and Satan, which deceiveth the whole world: he was cast out into the earth, and his angels were cast out with him. ¹⁰ And I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, Now is come salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of his Christ: for the accuser of our brethren is cast down, which accused them before our God day and night. ¹¹ 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.

1. **Trial or Test** - This is the what of your struggle. It is your struggle that makes you have that crazy radical praise. This man was born blind. His struggle began at birth. His struggle was not self inflicted or the result of his parents' action. God allowed his struggle so that God could be glorified through his unfortunate circumstances. Do people believe more in God because of your victory in "Impossible" situations that were made possible with God.

A. You must be transparent about your test.
i. Duty Struggle by divine design. This is the cross.
ii. Deserved Struggle by the result of the harvest based on the seed you have sown. This is the crop.

2. **Transition** - Evidence of the test being complete because you had to be out of it. You should transition before you transition. Others should be able to see evidence that you have changed. You may not be what you should be but you should not be who you used to be. Admit you were, but also admit to what you are now. V. 10-11

A. ID - It ought to start with Jesus did it.
B. Itinerary - He made clay and it covered his eyes. You ought to know the how, where, and when, He brought you out. Everyone's deliverance is not the same.
C. Instruction - there are some things that you must do. He had to go to Siloam and wash.
D. Impact - when you follow instructions, you get impact. He went, washed, and now he sees. Obedience must occur between instruction and impact. You don't have to know everything to tell what you do know.

3. **Target** - the objective or who you are talking about. Some folks forget the person that was the catalyst for our change. We need to acknowledge the catalyst of change. You can't allow your target to be redefined. You must acknowledge that Jesus is the one that made it possible. He took your problem and gave you praise. V. 11 & 12

A. Trouble - some people don't like the church so when you start looking churchy, they start acting funny. Your testimony should not change based on the audience. There ought to be

consistency in your story.

B. Threats - re-asked Him to try to get the man to change his testimony. Some are law abiding but not Lord abiding. They never made a difference in his life. Don't get them confused with Him. Some people's loyalty is misplaced. You must decide whose disciple you are going to be. Information with inspiration that will make you look more intelligent than those with degrees. Jesus got a prayer through because God heard Him. They couldn't refute what the man said so they put him out of the church. V. 22-34

4. **Thanks** - you are enable to give thanks. When they threw the man out, the Lord found him. Don't get mad when people reject you, when Jesus receives you. Jesus don't just operate inside the church. You can be blessed and have messed up believes. You can be healed and not whole. Many are walking in life without a leader. Before you couldn't see, now you can see who He is. He saw, believed, and worshipped. V. 35 - 38