

The Power of Testimony

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“marturion”

**...what one testifies,
i.e. before a judge**

Anatomy of a *Joyful* Testimony



We are not only defined by what we accomplish or fail to accomplish in life, but also by what we stand opposite to in life...

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**Listen to the words
and example of the
Apostle Paul...**

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Acts 20:18-24

18 And when they had come to him, he said to them: “You know, from the first day that I came to Asia, in what manner I always lived among you, 19 serving the Lord with all humility, with many tears and trials which happened to me by the plotting of...

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Acts 20:18-24

...the Jews; 20 how I kept back nothing that was helpful, but proclaimed it to you, and taught you publicly and from house to house, 21 testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks, repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus Christ.

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Acts 20:18-24

22 And see, now I go bound in the spirit to Jerusalem, not knowing the things that will happen to me there,

23 except that the Holy Spirit testifies in every city, saying that chains and tribulations await me. 24 But none of these things move me...

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Acts 20:18-24

...nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on a Pure Lifestyle

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Acts 20:18

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on a Consistent Devotion

"...how I kept back nothing that was helpful,
but proclaimed it to you, and taught you
publicly and from house to house..."

Acts 20:20

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on an Evangelistic Message

"...testifying to Jews, and also to Greeks,
repentance toward God and faith toward
our Lord Jesus Christ."

Acts 20:21

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on an Evangelistic Message

Growing Disciples
The Disciples of John

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on an Evangelistic Message

Engaging Other Beliefs
The Ephesus Synagogue

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on an Evangelistic Message

Demonstrating God's Power
Miracles

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on an Evangelistic Message

Engaging Superstitions

The Magic Merchants

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Paul's Ministry for Christ

Focused on an Evangelistic Message

The Religious Establishment

Demetrius

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Paul's Encounter with Christ

Changed Where He Stood

“For I am the least of the apostles, who am not worthy to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”

1 Corinthians 15:9

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Paul's Encounter with Christ

Changed What He Stood Upon

“But by the grace of God I am what I am...”

1 Corinthians 15:10a

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Paul's Encounter with Christ

Changed How He Would Stand

“But none of these things move me; nor do I count my life dear to myself, so that I may finish my race with joy, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God.”

Acts 20:24

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So.....

Where Do You Stand?

What Do You Stand Upon?

How Will You Stand?

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