



Series: Types of Evangelism
Lesson 3: **Testimonial Evangelist**

Adapted from Kelli Mahoney's Handout [Types of Evangelism](#)¹

John 9:1-41

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- Identification of Key Verses: "The man answered and said to them, 'Why, this is a marvelous thing, that you do not know where He is from; yet He has opened my eyes! Now we know that God does not hear sinners; but if anyone is a worshiper of God and does His will, He hears him. Since the world began it has been unheard of that anyone opened the eyes of one who was born blind. If this Man were not from God, He could do nothing'"² (John 9:30-33).
- Importance of Distinctions between Physical and Spiritual Healing
 - Progression of the blind man's healing from physical blindness (John 9:1-34)
 - Progression of the blind man's healing from spiritual blindness (John 9:35-44)
 - Progression of the blind man's personal testimony based on his understanding of Jesus while undergoing both physical and spiritual healing:
 - "(1) 'A man called Jesus' (v. 11) was all he knew when Christ healed him.*
 - (2) 'A prophet' (v. 17) is what the man called Him when the Pharisees questioned him.*
 - (3) 'A man of God' (vv. 31-33) is what he concluded Jesus to be.*
 - (4) 'The Son of God' (vv. 35-38) was his final and complete confession of faith. (See 20:30-31)."*³
- Interpretation of Scriptures
 - Consider the following questions after reading the description of The Testimonial Evangelist in the [Types of Evangelism](#) Handout and John 9:1-41
 - John 9:1-5; How does Jesus' statement "As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world" relate to the disciples' views about why the man is blind?

Turn Over

¹ <http://christianteens.about.com/od/christianliving/tp/EvangelismStyle.htm>

² *The New King James Version*. 1982 (Jn 9:30-33). Nashville: Thomas Nelson.

³ Wiersbe, W. W. (1992). *Wiersbe's expository outlines on the New Testament* (236). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.

- John 9:10-25;
 - What is the blind man’s personal testimony about what Jesus did for him?
 - Why do you believe the Pharisees are unwilling to accept the blind man’s testimony?
 - John 9:26-34; What’s ironic about the blind man’s questioning the Pharisees about whether they want to become Jesus’ disciples?
 - Although the people ask four different times in this chapter (John 9:10, 15, 19, and 26) **how** the blind man is healed, Warren Wiersbe suggests that people’s question should have been **who** healed him because this leads to a discussion about Jesus’ healing and saving power.⁴ How does a testimonial evangelist’s focus on the “Who” rather than “How” lead to a discussion about the Gospel message?
 - John 9:35-41;
 - Why does the blind man worship Jesus after Him as his Personal Savior? Why is worship an essential element in every believer’s life?
 - How is the personal testimony about the blind man’s physical and spiritual deliverance an indictment against the Pharisees?
- List three words that you feel best summarize challenges the blind man faced as The Testimonial Evangelist.
- Practical Application
 - Role-playing scenarios involving testimonial evangelism strategies
 - In your own words, briefly describe what you believe about evangelism based on today’s lesson. You can begin your statement with something like: “Evangelism, I believe…”

⁴ Wiersbe, W. W. (1996). *The Bible exposition commentary* (Jn 9:1). Wheaton, IL: Victor Books.