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PERSONAL TESTIMONY

Tract



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Mark 5:19; John 4:39; I John 5:10; Rev. 12:11; John 1 :41,42

Mark 5: 19 is a command from the Lord Jesus Christ.

John 4:39 is a confirmation of the power of a testimony.

Revelation 12: 11 also reveals the power of the personal testimony of a born again believer.

It was Andrew's testimony that brought his brother Simon Peter to the Savior (John 1:41,42).

1. Decide whether you want to cover your whole life or only part.
2. Start jotting down, and collecting in one certain place or book, various interesting bits of your life that would not only interest others as they read, but cause unsaved readers to relate and find their own life in yours, to see themselves in your past actions, thoughts, feelings, dreams and lifestyle.
3. Form an outline of these major and minor life events in proper order.
4. Write out in longhand a rough script filling in your life outline. Open your heart and life up to the prospective reader of your tract.
5. Pick the size tract you want to end up with:
 - a. "Six-up" (approximately 3" x 5") about the size of an 8 1/2" x U" sheet folded in half, then into thirds, forming six equal parts. This is about the best size for mass distribution, for it not only fits easily into your shirt pocket or purse for carrying, but it also fits well into their shirt pocket or purse for taking with them. This will hold approximately 250 words per side, of eight point type.
 - b. "Four-up" (approximately 4" x 5") This is the size of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet folded into straight quarters. It will hold 300 words per side.
 - c. "Two-up" size (about 5 1/2" x 8 1/2") This is half the size of an 8 1/2" x 11" sheet and holds up to 800 - 1,000 words per side.
 - d. Full-size brochure folded (8 1/2" x 11 ") This size, when folded into thirds like a brochure, can hold almost any number of words in different styles and sizes. Also, it leaves room for more of a cover illustration or photos before and after Christ. This size can easily hold 1,000 to 1,500 words per side, if needed.

6. Refine your tract script: Edit your script down to your approximate word number allowable in the tract size you desire. Have some friends read it and give you some CONSTRUCTIVE criticism and ideas.
7. Have it typeset. Look for someone that does professional typesetting with a computer that has a laser printer. This should not cost more than \$20, even for a full size tract. Your tract will look much better and print so much more professionally if you have it typeset, instead of merely being typewritten and copied.
8. Plan on having a 20% minimum of white space in your tract. Try to keep your paragraphs no longer than six inches long, then always leave a white space.
9. Include an address and phone number where inquirers can contact you or can order more tracts to distribute. Do not include the address or phone number of your church. You are trying to establish a personal relationship that you can follow up on.
10. Close the tract with some kind of invitation or challenge. Invite each reader to personally trust Christ as their Lord, and then to write you and tell you about it so you can share their joy and help them.
11. Print at least 1,000 copies to achieve a reasonable price-per-tract for the whole project.
12. Send and give them to all of your relatives, friends, work associates, and daily acquaintances. You will be pleasantly surprised at what a blessing this will be. It will not just bless your own spirit, but it will feed hungry, curious, lonely, searching hearts that would never receive any other kind of a tract.
13. Use these tracts just as you would use any other tracts.
14. Once it's printed, use your personal testimony tract and soulwinning, God glorifying incidents that come from its usage, to provoke and challenge other Christians to do the same thing with the hidden power of their own personal testimonies.

SOME HINTS ON WRITING TRACTS

Do's in Tract-writing:

1. Do pray before, during, and after you write it.
2. Do plan on revising, rewriting, and improving several times.
3. Do show it to a number of Christian friends you respect, asking for constructive criticism and advice. Proverbs 9:8.

4. Do leave space for a name and address (or another group's rubber stamp imprint at the bottom).
5. Do leave at least 20% of the tract white space, with paragraphs no longer than five or six lines.
6. Do think ahead, empathize, be wise and try to see your tract as the recipient will read it (through unsaved eyes).

Don'ts in Tract-writing:

1. Don't cramp your tract with too much!
2. Don't use 6 points or smaller type.
3. Don't make it over several minutes' reading length.
4. Don't forget God's Word: Use SCRIPTURE!!
5. Don't plan on writing it all in one hour or one day.
6. Don't use religious words or terminology like justification, sanctification, propitiation, redemption, etc.
7. Don't put a church name or local street address of a church if you want maximum results, use a post office box and a name that suggests research, study or education.

Examples:

Home Studies International

P. O. Box 08049 0

Staten Island, New York 103080007

Marion International Ministries

P.O. Box 236

Marion, Texas 78124

8. Don't ever leave the tract at the printer's without first finalizing the total price, and expected delivery date. Be reasonable. Don't expect the printer to typeset it, print it, cut it, and fold it all in one day.

TRACTS

Tracts can go anywhere. Tracts know no fear. Tracts never tire. Tracts never die. Tracts can be multiplied without end by the press. Tracts can travel at little expense. They can run up and down like the angels of God, blessing all, giving to all, asking no gift in return. They can talk to one as well as to the multitude; and to the multitude as well as to the one. They require no public room to tell their story in. They can tell it in the kitchen or the shop, the parlor or the closet, in the railway carriage or in the omnibus, on the broad highway or in the footpath through the fields. They take no note of scoffs, or jeers, or taunts. No one can betray them into hasty or random expressions. Though

they will not always answer questions, they will tell their story twice or thrice, or four times over, if you wish. And they can be made to speak on every subject, and on every subject they may be made to speak wisely and well. They can, in short, be made the vehicles of truth, the teachers of all classes, and the benefactors of all lands.

(American Tract Society)

Tracts by their cheapness, their simplicity, point, variety, and brevity are adapted to an unlimited circulation, reaching the most secluded dwelling, arresting the most careless traveler by land or sea, with words of warning and of salvation, and acting as pioneers both to missionaries and the Bible.

(Dr. J. Newton Brown, the first book editor of the American Baptist Publication)

TRACTS AND HOW TO USE THEM

1. Never distribute tracts without praying.
2. Give tracts which are appropriate.
3. Talk with your subject if possible.
4. Always offer tracts with a smile.
5. Don't force tracts upon people.
6. Use only attractive tracts.
7. Keep your tracts in good condition.
8. Use only positive, constructive tracts.
9. Think up new ways to use tracts.
10. Begin now to use a tract a day.

(American Tract Society)

SOWING GOSPEL SEED

Oh, why not distribute some leaflets each day
To reach souls in darkness who've gone far astray?
They may find the Savior, the True Living Way.
Thou knowest not what seed shall prosper!
To believers, the tracts may bring comfort and cheer,
Or rouse a seared conscience, or soothe needless fear;
Then scatter these messages both far and near. Thou knowest not what seed shall prosper!
The small Gospel tracts you may easily secure,
They'll bring blessings to you as you scatter them o'er.
They'll bring blessings to others, for God's Word sure.
Thou knowest not what seed shall prosper!

(Author unknown)

A Way to Reach Them

The heathen world is calling,
They call for truth and light;
Too long they've lived in darkness
And suffered in their plight.

The masses are awaking,
New millions now can read;
Oh, who will go and reach them
And give them what they need?

The Christians, too, are helping,
But Oh, how sad their plight!
A pittance for their program

To banish heathen night.

There is a way to reach them,
Reach all in this space age;
A cheap and speedy method.
It's through the printed page.

Take Christ to ev'ry creature,
Obey the Lord's command;
Oh, let us take the Gospel.
And carry out His plan!

The heathen lands are calling.
Why don't we let them hear
The only saving message
That brings men light and cheer?

Let's rush the printed message
To those who now can read,
Before they read the falsehoods
And fail the truth to heed.

In Jesus' name, my brother,
Go forth, no longer wait;
Oh, take the Savior's message
Before it is too late!

Fred Jarvis

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READING**

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<https://www.biblicalmissions.net>
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