

**Key Scripture:**

Matthew 21:23 NKJV

**"By what authority are You doing these things? And who gave You this authority?"**

**Afraid to Speak**

Exodus 4:10-12 NLT

10 But Moses pleaded with the Lord, "O Lord, I'm not very good with words. I never have been, and I'm not now, even though you have spoken to me. I get tongue-tied, and my words get tangled."

11 Then the Lord asked Moses, "Who makes a person's mouth? Who decides whether people speak or do not speak, hear or do not hear, see or do not see? Is it not I, the Lord?"

12 Now go! I will be with you as you speak, and I will instruct you in what to say."

**The Authority of a Testimony**

✓ Gives glory to **God**.

Mark 5:19-20 ERV

19 But Jesus did not allow the man to go. He said, "Go home to your family and friends. **Tell them about all that the Lord did for you. Tell them how the Lord was good to you.**"

20 So the man left and told the people in the Ten Towns about the great things Jesus did for him. Everyone was amazed.

✓ Helps you to **worship** the LORD.

John 9:38 NKJV

Then he said, "Lord, I believe!" And **he worshiped Him**.

✓ God gives you everything you need to **share** your testimony.

2 Timothy 1:7-8 NKJV

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of **power** and of **love** and of a **sound mind**.

8 Therefore **do not be ashamed of the testimony of our Lord...**

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**Authority**

**To Speak**

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**1. Your testimony to bring **unity**.**

Romans 15:5-6 NIV

5 May the God who gives endurance and encouragement **give you a spirit of unity** among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, 6 so that **with one heart** and **mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ**.

**2. Your testimony to help people **remember** God's goodness.**

Deuteronomy 4:9 NLT

"But watch out! **Be careful never to forget what you yourself have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live!** And be sure to **pass them on to your children and grandchildren**.

**3. Your testimony as a **weapon**.**

Revelation 12:11 NKJV

And they overcame him (*satan*) by the blood of the Lamb and **by the word of their testimony**, and they did not love their lives to the death.

**4. Your testimony proclaims that God can do it **again**.**

1 Samuel 17:37 NLT

**The Lord who rescued me from the claws of the lion and the bear will rescue me from this Philistine!**"

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