

Key Scripture

Ephesians 5:15-16 NASB

15 Therefore be careful how you walk, not as unwise men, but as wise, 16 *making the most of your time*, because the days are evil.

Peter criticized for his testimony

Acts 11:1-5 NLT

1 Soon the news reached the apostles and other believers in Judea that the Gentiles had received the word of God. 2 But when Peter arrived back in Jerusalem, the Jewish believers criticized him. 3 "You entered the home of Gentiles and even ate with them!" they said. 4 Then Peter told them exactly what had happened.

The devil will try to stop your testimony by convincing you...

✓ "Your testimony is not needed for people to be saved."

Romans 10:14 NLT

14 But how can they call on Him to save them unless they believe in Him?

And how can they believe in Him if they have never heard about Him?

And how can they hear about Him unless someone tells them?

✓ "Your testimony has nothing to do with obeying God."

Acts 4:17-20 NLT

17 But to keep them from spreading their propaganda any further, we must warn them not to speak to anyone in Jesus' name again." 18 So they called the apostles back in and commanded them never again to speak or teach in the name of Jesus.

19 But Peter and John replied, <u>"Do you think God wants us to obey you rather than Him?"</u> 20 <u>We cannot stop telling about everything we have seen and heard.</u>

John 15:26-27 NIV

26 "When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, He will testify about Me.
27 And you also must testify, for you have been with Me from the beginning.

√ "What you have is not enough to give a good testimony."

2 Timothy 1:7-8 NKJV

7 For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of <u>power</u> and of <u>love</u> and of a <u>sound mind</u>.

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

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Making The Most Of Your Time

Give Your Testimony

Make the most of every opportunity - give your testimony

1. Develop a spirit of prayer.

Acts 11:5 NKIN

"I was in the city of Joppa <u>praying</u>."

2. See God's Vision for the lost.

Acts 11:5 NKJV

<u>I saw a vision</u>, an object descending like a great sheet, let down from heaven by four corners; and it came to me.

3. Listen to the Holy Spirit's leading.

Acts 11:12 NKJV

Then the Spirit told me to go with them, doubting nothing...

4. Trust that God will prepare hearts.

Acts 11:13-14 NKJV

13 And he told us how he had seen an angel standing in his house, who said to him, 'Send men to Joppa, and call for Simon whose surname is Peter,

14 who will tell you words by which you and all your household will be saved.

5. Expect God to show up in power.

Acts 11:15-16 NKJV

15 And <u>as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them</u>, as upon us at the beginning. 16 Then I remembered the word of the Lord, how He said, 'John indeed baptized with water, but you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'

6. Get out of God's way for people to repent & receive life

Acts 11:17-18 NLT

17 And since God gave these Gentiles the same gift he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to stand in God's way?"

18 When the others heard this, they stopped objecting and began praising God.

They said, "We can see that God has also given the Gentiles the privilege of
repenting of their sins and receiving eternal life."

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