

**God knew what He was doing when He made you. And God wants to use you to be a light!**

You Shine Like the Stars in the sky! [Philippians 2:14-16](#) / [Matthew 5:16](#)

**Shining Star One: THE \_\_\_\_\_ STYLE Biblical Example: \_\_\_\_\_**

Matthew 16:15, 22 / Acts 2:23 **Characteristics:** Confident / Assertive / Direct

**Contemporary Examples:** Who do you know who is confrontational?

**Cautions:** Don't unnecessarily offend, speak the truth in love! Ephesians 4:15 The Lost are not your enemies!  
Colossian 4:4-6

**On a scale of 1 -10, how Confrontational are you? \_\_\_\_ (0 – Not at all) (10 – Very Confrontational)**

**Shining Star Two: THE \_\_\_\_\_ STYLE Biblical Example: \_\_\_\_\_**

Acts 17 The case of the "unknown god."

**Characteristics:** Inquisitive / Analytical / Logical

**Contemporary Examples:** Who do you know who is intellectual?

**Cautions:** Do not substitute giving answers for giving the Gospel message. 2 Timothy 2:23

**On a scale of 1 -10, how Intellectual are you? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Shining Star Three: \_\_\_\_\_ STYLE Biblical Example: \_\_\_\_\_**

John 9:24-23 "All I know is that I used to be blind, and now I can see." No theological debate here. All I know is what happened to me. I used to be this way... I met this man named Jesus... I'm this way now!

**Characteristics:** Clear communicator / Story teller / Good listener

**Contemporary Examples:** Max Lucado / Andy Stanley

**Cautions:** Beware of talking about yourself but not relating your experience to the other person's life.

**On a scale of 1 -10, how Testimonial are you? \_\_\_\_\_**

**Your Testimony is Your Story**

**Paul's Story – Acts 26: The Three Handles**

Handles	BC - Before Christ	Conversion	AD - After Christ
Verses	4 - 11	12 - 18	19 - 23
Concluding Question	King Agrippa, do you believe the prophets? I know you do. (Acts 26:27)		
Unifying Theme	Paul's zeal for serving God		

**STORY TIPS**

**THEME** The central issue in our lives that shows the contrast in our spiritual outlook before and after knowing Christ.

**MIDDLE HANDLE** We need to keep it simple, clear, and repeatable.

**CONCLUSION** End with a question or statement that requires a response.

**SCRIPTURE** Think of whether there was one key verse that really opened your eyes. If not, do not force it.

**LANGUAGE** Avoid religious clichés and "God-talk".

**LENGTH** Be brief and to the point (3-4 minutes).

**SEQUENCE** With practice you will be able to start and end at any one of the handles, depending on the situation.

**PUTTING OTHERS FIRST** Keep your focus on your friend. Emphasize those aspects of your story that will relate to *his* or *her* concerns and interests.

**Next Step: I will formulate and be able to tell "My Story" in 3-4 minutes, in a way that others can relate to.**

**DO Verses Done**

**Life Group and Family Devotional App**

1. What thoughts come to your mind when you hear the word "Evangelism"? Do you have any evangelism nightmares to share? What about good evangelism experiences?
2. Of the three Shining Star Styles covered this week, which best describes your style? Confrontational, Intellectual, or Testimonial? Why do you feel that way?
3. Using the Three Handles that Paul used in Acts 26, practice telling your story in three minutes or less. I used to be this way. I met Jesus. I'm this way now.
4. Does your story have a theme or is there a verse that describes your situation?
5. What type of concluding question could you add to the end of your story to challenge the listener?

*Answers: Confrontational – Peter / Intellectual – Paul / Testimonial – Blind – Man*