

“TELL ONE” IN DECEMBER

Phil. 3:13-14, "I (Apostle Paul) do not count myself to have apprehended; but one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind and reaching forward to those things which are ahead, I press toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus." (NKJV)

I. WHY TRY TO TELL PEOPLE WITH A STORY WHAT YOU WANT THEM TO ACCEPT?

- A. Almost 50% of the Bible is narrative.
- B. Jesus told stories all the time to communicate to people then and to us today.
- C. Stories are memorable. Points are easy to forget.
- D. Using stories will cause people to be more willing to listen to what you have to say. They will be less defensive.
 - 1. If you give someone arguments, they will have a tendency to want to argue back.
 - 2. If you give someone stories, they are more prone to listen and relate.

II. HOW TO TELL YOUR STORY OF WHAT CHRIST HAS DONE FOR YOU.

- A. Be honest about your past.
- B. People will feel more comfortable sharing their story when you share yours.

III. TELL YOUR STORY WELL.

- A. Know where you are going with your story.
 - 1. Don't allow their silence to distract you.
 - 2. Don't get caught focusing on theological differences (or questions).
 - 3. Don't over-emphasize the sin or under-emphasize a lack of sin.

Remember: Your story is the story God has allowed so use it for the glory of God.