

# How to Witness to Mormons

**Special note:** you will need a *Book of Mormon* and a copy of the King James Version of the Bible for this witnessing encounter.

- I. Begin where they are.
  - A. Go to where they are theologically and gently lead them to where you are and where you want them to be.
  - B. You must “get them lost” before you can get them saved.
    1. They believe that you are lost. You must first show them they are lost.
    2. Mormons don’t consider themselves sinners therefore KJV scriptures such as “all have sinned, there is none good, no not one,” etc. will roll off their back. Remember, these people are fully convinced that “The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints” is the only “true church” and that Joseph Smith is a “true” prophet of God.
- II. Use proven techniques.
  - A. You will learn them here.
  - B. We win one Mormon-they win 40 of us!
  - C. We can win them.
- III. Different kinds of Mormons
  - A. The “Knows” – Those who are well grounded in the Mormon faith. They know its teachings and are conversant about it. They have deep commitment to Mormonism.
  - B. The Pseudo-Knows - These talk like Mormons, give assent to truthfulness of Latter Day Saints but lack any real commitment to the organization beyond their presumption that it is true. These do not tithe, attend irregularly if at all and do not study its doctrines. No personal involvement in the systems.
  - C. The New Knows (Proselytes) – These have had a Christian or Non-Mormon background and have been won over to Mormonism. They have been brainwashed, they have become robots, letting the Latter Day Saints Church do their thinking for them. These become hostile if approached with Christianity. Many leave Mormonism on their own later in life and are most difficult to win because they feel like they have been “bad.”
  - D. The Know it All’s – Mormon missionaries. These are the zealous lot of men and women who, after raising their own sustenance; go out on a mission for two years. Don’t mess with them! They are not the best to begin with (at first). Later when you are used to witnessing and have the facts, then you can witness to them also.

The first group mentioned above is the best group to begin with for two reasons.

- (1) They are open and responsive to the true Christian message.

(2) They are searching.

IV. Don't ever attack the person – always direct the negative comments to the organization. The *Mormon church* has deceived them.

1. Always remember this – don't alienate yourself from the person by saying "You say," or "You believe" because it undermines their integrity.
2. Always say "your church believes," or "Joseph Smith said," or Brigham Young said" etc.

## **Witnessing to Mormons**

I. Contradiction

A. This is the key word.

1. The *Book of Mormon* does not teach what Mormons believe, it contradicts Mormonism.

Ask this question: *How do you account for the fact that your most distinctive book, the "fullness of the everlasting gospel" always teaches my concept and never yours?*

- a. Get them to answer. They will always try to divert away from this question. Press them.
- b. Take the initiative.
  - You ask the questions; you control the conversation.
  - They will try to answer your question with another question. Do not allow this to happen.
  - Do not allow yourself to be cornered with some vague passage of the Bible.

■ Begin with the most important subject—God.

- It is not about the temple.
- It is not about the living prophet.
- It is not about their "restored gospel."
- It is not about the priesthood.
- It is not about the one true church.
- *It is about the very nature and character of God.*

■ First transitional question:

- What do you believe about God?

- Ask the Mormon, “Do you accept the statement “As man is, God once was; as God is man may become”?”
- Does God have a body?
- Does God change?
- Does God have parents?

■ Second transitional question:

- Would you show me your concept of God in the *Book of Mormon*? (It is not there!) They will say, “We have more than the *Book of Mormon* for our teachings.” You reply by pointing out that the *Book of Mormon* is said to contain “the fullness of the everlasting gospel.”

■ Witnessing scriptures for the Mormon from his own bible, The *Book of Mormon*.

- There is only one God.
  - Alma 11: 27-29
  - Alma 11: 38-39
  - Alma 11: 44
  - Mormon 7:7
- Jesus was God incarnate—God in the flesh.
  - Mosiah 13:34
  - Mosiah 15:2-5
  - II Nephi 11:7, 14
- God is unchanging, eternal, omniscient.
  - Mormon 9:9,10
  - Mormon 9:19
  - Moroni 7:22
  - Moroni 8:18
- God is a Spirit, not flesh and bone.
  - Alma 18:24-28
  - Alma 22:9,10
- God’s message is to repent and be born again.
  - Mosiah 27:24-28
  - Alma 5:14
  - III Nephi 9:17

B. Show them that they have been deceived.

1. Get them to see that they are lost.
2. *Book of Mormon* says “*cursed is he that putteth his trust in man or maketh flesh his arm.* 2 Nephi 28:31, p. 100.

II. At this point, steer the conversation to the King James Bible.

- A. Say “*It is evident that there is something wrong! Mormonism and the Book of Mormon do not agree!*”
- B. Ask “*Have you been born again? When? When? When? Not through water baptism, laying on of hands or joining the church but a spiritual rebirth. A genuine change of heart. What age, where, how, what change took place? When? When? When?*”
- C. Jesus said “*I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” John 14:6
  - The prophet is not the way.
  - Mormonism is not the way.
  - The priesthood is not the way.
  - Jesus said, “*I am the way!*”
- D. Re-read Mosiah 27:24-28. Remind them that they must have a new birth experience in order to become a Child of God (verse 25b)

III. Parallel Scriptures from the King James Version for the witnessing outline (Students to use a good gospel tract)

- A. There is only one God.
  1. *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word (Word made flesh and dwelt among us) and the Holy Ghost: and these three are one.* I John 5:7
  2. *For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus* (I Timothy 2:5)
  3. *One God and Father of all, who is above all.* Ephesians 4:6
- B. Jesus was incarnate, God in the flesh.
  1. Use tract – Rev. 1:8
- C. God is unchanging, eternal omniscient Hebrews 13:8 – Same yesterday, today, and forever.
- D. God is a Spirit – not flesh and bone John 4:24.
- E. Must be born again John 3:3-7.

IV. How to share the true Christian message.

- A. Grace
  1. Unmerited favor of God.
  2. Comes only from God.
  3. Is a free gift to us.
  4. Is not earned or deserved.

- B. Man
    - 1. All have sinned.
    - 2. Cannot save himself.
    - 3. The Spirit that has man at death has him through all eternity.
  - C. God
    - 1. Is loving and merciful.
    - 2. Must punish sin.
  - D. Christ
    - 1. God-man.
    - 2. Died as the sacrifice for our sins.
  - E. Faith
    - 1. Not in Mormon church.
    - 2. Not in prophets.
    - 3. Not in works, baptism, ordinances.
    - 4. But in Jesus Christ, as the Messiah, God in the flesh, the one who rose from the dead and not is our eternal Savior.
    - 5. Faith is the correlative of Grace (explain).
- V. How to be born again
- A. Use an appropriate tract to explain and leave with them.