

10 Keys of Effectively Witnessing to Mormons

As of 2019, the LDS Church reported having 16,565,036 members worldwide. If you have a doorbell, there is a good chance that Mormon missionaries will eventually stop by your door to discuss their church with you. It is critical for every believer to have a ready defense for their faith (1 Peter 3:15), and to be prepared to share it. The Mormon church is a surprisingly difficult group to witness to and without a particular approach, you will have little success. Below are ten major concepts that, when implemented, will greatly aid your efforts.

Play from Their Side	Mormons believe the Book of Mormon is “the most correct book on earth”. The traditional approach of using the bible (and specific verses) to convince them that Mormon doctrine is false will have little impact. Instead, focus your primary strategy on presenting facts and then posing pointed questions regarding church literature, prophets, and history. There are overwhelming amounts of concerning contradictions and facts concerning the history, doctrines, and literature of the Mormon faith. This does not mean never quote scripture.
Never Attack Joseph Smith	It is okay to present questions regarding damaging historical facts about Joseph Smith but be cautious to NEVER attack or insult Joseph Smith. He is regarded as a true prophet to them and holds a Christ-like status to all Mormons.
Pray, Pray, Pray	Always pray before, during, and after your visits with your Mormon target. Prayer will prepare your heart and mind, invite God into the conversation, and enable Him and His Spirit to intervene in the life of the Mormon in question.
Know Your Stuff	Ask educated questions and know the common rebuttal. It is always more effective to let them conclude a truth of their faith, in response to a question, rather than you telling it to them. Mormons are VERY confident as a result of being members of the “one true church” and will shut down if you are just trying to be right. In the end, the Holy Spirit convince them.
Man is Limited	We can present data, share the good news, and defend the gospel, but we cannot shift a human heart to salvation - only God can do that.
Play the Long Game	Do not try and win them over in a single visit. Allowing for a series of visits and discussions, and even a relationship to develop, is beneficial beyond measure. This allows time to understand more about the level of belief & counter arguments of the Mormon-something you should base the focus of your preparations on as the next visit approaches. Obviously, this does not apply if you know you will never see the Mormon again.
KJV or Bust	Mormons only find the KJV bible to be credible and disregard all other translations. Do not use any other translation while quoting scripture - Mormons already believe the Bible is only valuable so long as Joseph Smith translates it.
Be Prepared	Church leadership is amazingly crafty, strategic, and well-funded. They spend a lot of time and resources indoctrinating their members and keeping them controlled. Expect they will have a ready defense for some of the more basic claims against the church. Likewise, prepare for and keep in mind they likely won't know most shocking things you do. Their response of “well that's not true” isn't always them being argumentative -they very likely do not know.
Maintain Compassion	This is an individual who has been duped into a false religion that likely includes most of their friends and family. For the Mormon to consider that Mormonism is false is to also face the likelihood of judgement, ridicule, and even out casting at the hands of their loved ones.
Love Thy “Enemy”	One role of the Christian believer in Jesus Christ is to never pass judgement nor bring condemnation on anyone. Again, this is God's role. Members of the LDS Church are typically kind, generous people who are of the many that are deceived and lost in this world. They should be treated with respect-be gentle yet firm in every way you deal with them.

RESOURCES FOR WITNESSING

“Reasoning from the Scriptures with the Mormons” by Ron Rhodes

“Testimonies of Mormons” by LifeAfter.org ([Testimonies of Mormons - Life After Ministries](#))

“Exposing the Mormon Church: False Prophets” by [fruitfilledolivetree.com](#)

“Bible vs Joseph Smith” documentary by Joel Kramer

Any literature and media by Sandra Tanner

“Is the Bible Reliable?” [ldsvideoencyclopedia @ YouTube](#)

“Archaeology Helps to Confirm the Historicity of the Bible” by Josh McDowell