

# What Can We Celebrate Today? – Three Tips

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Tip #1 - **Strictly Stories** – We need stories. We like a well-told story! And if it is a God-sighting, even better.

Example of something to celebrate today: **“My life was changed when I discovered my spiritual gifts. I neglected them for two years, then I followed up with a spiritual gifts conversation. My life priorities are clear and I know why on earth I am here. I am still learning, and I feel a growing freedom since I learned how my God-given passion is connected to my spiritual gifts!”**

Tip #2 – **Stick to Specifics** – Mark Twain said, “No generalization is worth anything, including this one.” Sometimes a story can have too many specifics. Sometimes a story becomes dynamic with a few more specifics.

Example of a specific story to celebrate today: **“Laugh if you want, but I really enjoy it. I have a passion for stewardship in congregations, because it gives me more energy every time. My story started when I was nine years old and my parents offered me my first money-making job. Then they told me the conditions I had had to agree to in order to have their permission! I still love to share that story with those who like practical stewardship ideas for their congregations.”**

Tip #3 – **Contact Someone Today** – Follow up on your desire to chat about your passion, how to help your congregation, something to celebrate today, or your spiritual gifts. If you want someone with whom to have this conversation, text me on my cell phone number 816-806-9170