

Your Personal Testimony

Among the most powerful resources available to you in sharing the gospel is your personal testimony. A well-presented account of what God has done in your life can help people to relate to the good news with interest and understanding, instead of immediate rejection of “religious talk.”

By writing your testimony, you will become more familiar with it so that you can more readily share it with others. You will also have a useful and personal tool that can be easily reproduced for giving to others. Consider the following verses:

- 1 Peter 3:15 -always ready...give an account
- Mark 5:19--report to them what great things the Lord has done for you
- 1 Timothy 1:13-16, Acts 22:1-21, 26:1-29, Titus 3:3-7--Paul's example
- 1 Corinthians 11:1, Philippians 4:9--imitate Paul
- 1 Thessalonians 1:8-10--the Thessalonians

Guidelines:

1. Make it personal; don't preach or use Christian jargon that is hard to understand.
2. Make it short--200 to 500 words or less.
3. Keep Christ central--highlight what He has done.
4. Use one or two verses to add power to your message.

Steps:

1. Past Life--Before Salvation

What were you living for? What were your past circumstances, philosophies, goals, fears, weaknesses, or struggles? (Of course, you will want to leave out unnecessary or inappropriate details.) What things helped to make salvation a desirable thing for you?

2. How It Happened

What events led up to your conversion? How was the gospel communicated to you? What Bible verses affected you the most? What was your response? How did you trust Christ?

3. New Life

How has your life truly changed as a result of your relationship with the Lord Jesus?

Write a first draft, then a second in which you try to improve the flow and logic of your story. Let someone read your second draft to critique it. Then write a final draft. By writing your personal testimony you can let others know what great things the Lord has done for you!