
Preparing a Personal Testimony

A personal testimony is your story of your life without Christ, how and why you became a Christian, and the results of your new life in Christ. Jesus Christ is the center of your testimony. Always remember that the person with whom you share your testimony has little knowledge about a personal relationship with Jesus and why He came to Earth.

Developing a Personal Testimony

- Be simple and clear.
- Clarify any words that are not a normal part of the non-Christian's vocabulary, such as converted, saved or born again.
- Include humor and/or word pictures.
- Use at least one, but not more than two, short Scripture verses.
- Use a 3-point outline:
 - o The way I lived and thought before I received Christ
 - o How I received Christ
 - o The changes in my life since I received Christ

Sharing Your Testimony

- Memorize and practice it until it sounds natural.
- Be filled with the Spirit.
- Do not make any movements or gestures that may distract or offend.
- Do not argue with or condemn the listeners.
- Be brief (3-5 minutes).
- Do not preach at people; just share your experience.

- Do not speak negatively about other churches, denominations, or religions.
- Be clear enough that a non-Christian will know why he should become a Christian, as well as how to become a Christian. Remember that most people know neither why nor how.

Write Your Testimony

Use the prompt below to begin to write your personal testimony. Remember the points outlined above.

The way you lived and thought before you received Christ:

How you received Christ:

The changes in your life since you received Christ:

A relevant or favorite verse with which you might close:

Application

Now that you have written out your testimony, practice it with members of your house group. This week, look for opportunities to share your testimony with a friend or co-worker.