

Tips for Writing Your Testimony

1. Write your testimony out word for word.
 2. Shoot for 3 minutes or so. A standard opportunity with someone will probably be about 2-3 minutes long.
 3. Make sure the testimony is yours. Don't just follow the formula.
 4. Write the way you speak so you sound natural.
 5. Do not use evangelical words such as "born again, redeemed, saved, salvation, conversion, etc." Those words are confusing to unbelievers.
- A. My life before accepting Christ and living for him:
1. What was my life like that will relate most to the non-Christian? (imagine the specific people you're likely to actually be speaking to at the moment)
 2. What did my life revolve around the most? Where did I get my security or happiness from?
 3. How did those areas let me down?
 4. Hints: When sharing regarding your life before Christ:
 - a. Do not mention specifics about a sordid past.
 - b. Do not go into detail about your past.
 - c. Do not mention denominations, other churches or church organizations, or individuals by name.
 - d. Do not slander a member of your family or your husband.
- B. How I received Christ:
1. When was the first time I heard and understood the gospel or was exposed to dynamic Christianity? What were my initial reactions to finding out that God loves me?
 2. When/how did I recognize that I am a sinner and separated from a relationship with God?
 3. When/how did I believe in Jesus and acknowledge that his death on the cross could pay for my sins?
 4. When/how did I confess my sin to God and ask for forgiveness of my sins?
 5. What does it mean for me to now be in a relationship with God because my sins have been forgiven?
 6. Hints:
 - a. When relating how you came to Christ, be specific about how to receive Christ as Savior and what it means. Include one Bible verse that sums up what it means or how to become a Christian.
 - b. When others leave, they should be able to accept Christ as Savior based on your words and example.
- C. Since I accepted Christ:
1. What were some specific changes and illustrations about the changes Christ has made in me so far? When relating the changes which took place after receiving Christ, attribute those changes to Christ.
 2. Why am I motivated differently now?
 3. In what ways am I still growing?
 4. What is a Bible passage that motivates your life as a follower of Jesus?