

Writing your Personal Testimony

1. Believe your testimony needs to be shared.

Whether you were raised in church and always believed in Jesus or you came to the cross later in life after many years of trial, your testimony is important and should be used to further the gospel message. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your testimony.

“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself.” 1 John 5:10a

2. Spend time praying before you prepare your testimony.

Ask God to show you what parts of your story should be shared in your testimony. Which parts of your story demonstrate His goodness? Which parts should be kept private or be only vaguely referenced in your story? What is the overarching theme of your testimony?

If you read Acts 26 you'll find an example of Paul giving his testimony and sharing the story of his own conversion on the road to Damascus. He gives a good picture of his life before and his life after coming to Jesus.

“To this day I have had the help that comes from God, and so I stand here testifying both to small and great, saying nothing but what the prophets and Moses said would come to pass:” Acts 26:22

3. Use simple outline

Your testimony should include the following:

- My life before I became a Christian
- How I knew God was speaking to me
- How I became a Christian
- My life since becoming a Christian

You should be able to give a short testimony just a few short sentences and be able to share your testimony in a longer format.

“Come and hear, all you who fear God, and I will tell what he has done for my soul.”
Psalm 66:16

As you can see, writing your testimony isn't hard and doesn't have to be stressful! If you're asked to share your testimony you'll be prepared just like we're instructed in the Bible!

“But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,” 1 Peter 3:15 NIV

Remember to:

1. Pray and ask God to help you write your testimony so you can share the goodness of God with others.
2. Pray before you begin writing. Remember to give details and examples from your life but be careful not to glorify sin with too much detail.
3. Ask God to give you opportunities to share your testimony with others.

HOW TO WRITE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY OUTLINE

Name

My life before I became a Christian.

How I knew God was speaking to me.

How I became a Christian.

My life since becoming a Christian.