

How To Prepare and Present Your Testimony

The following suggestions are listed to help you in presenting your personal testimony or story about your relationship with Christ, to either one person or before a group. By following these few simple suggestions, you will be able to effectively present to others what the Lord Jesus Christ has done for you.

1. Ask the Holy Spirit to bless and empower the words you speak so they will glorify Christ and be an encouragement and challenge to the ones listening (Acts 1:8).
2. Your personal testimony of salvation should be built around this simple outline: (1) What life was like BEFORE receiving Christ. (2) HOW Christ was accepted. (3) What life has been like AFTER receiving Christ (Acts 26:1-23, Acts 22:1-21) This outline gives you a place to start, a place to go, and a place to finish.
3. Keep Jesus pre-eminent. Emphasize that salvation came by receiving Him. Keep in mind that some non-Christian person should be able to understand how to accept Christ through your testimony (Luke 8:38-39).
4. The average group testimony should be 3-4 minutes long. Being prepared for 3-4 minutes will allow you to expand or shorten your story depending on the time you have.
5. A testimony is **sharing** something that Christ has done for you or what He means to you and not a time to “preach at” people. It gives you a wonderful opportunity to express yourself to others in sharing your personal testimony with Jesus Christ.
6. Build your testimony around a verse or two from God’s Word. Be sure you have a good **beginning** and a good **ending**. This will make your testimony interesting and give it coherence.
7. Speak clearly and loud enough for all to hear. And by all means, be enthusiastic. After all, it is exciting to be a Christian.
8. Be realistic. Christ does not eliminate life’s problems and difficulties, but He gives purpose and direction to life to enable you to meet all things with peace and confidence. (James 1:2-4) (Romans 5:3-4)
9. Be careful to avoid:
 - A. A “preachy” type testimony. Be natural. Do not tell people what they must do!
 - B. Mentioning religions, churches, or denominations in either a positive or negative way. Keep Christ pre-eminent.
 - C. Poor posture or nervous habits. Relax, but stay presentable.
 - D. Making excuses for your inabilities. This only calls attention to them and makes you feel worse. Ask the Holy Spirit for boldness (Acts 4:31)
 - E. Christian “jargon” like Hallelujah, saved, amen, etc.
10. Finally, share your testimony as often and to as many as you can, for this will strengthen your Christian life and help in reaching others for Christ.

Testimony Worksheet

1. What I was like BEFORE I received Christ:

2. HOW I received Christ:

3. What changes God has made in my life AFTER receiving Christ:

4. Appropriate scripture verse(s):
