



HOW TO WRITE OR SHARE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

A “testimony” is just the story of your spiritual journey; how you came to know Christ Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, or how you came back to him, and what that means to you now. You simply share in an honest and humble way what God has done for you.

Following are some guidelines to help you to do well. These guidelines will help you to really understand and realize what God has done in your life. And it will make the process of sharing your testimony powerful and influential in the lives of those who listen.

Read the example of the Apostle Paul in Acts 26 where he shares his testimony

- ◆ Acts 26:4-11 BEFORE he received Christ
- ◆ Acts 26:12-18 HOW he received Christ
- ◆ Acts 26:19-23 AFTER he received Christ

Then your testimony should include the following 4 points

1. Tell what you were like before you made the decision or recommitment

- ◆ What was your opinion of Christianity
- ◆ What were your fears or problems

2. Tell how you realized you needed Jesus

- ◆ What led up to your decision?
- ◆ Who spoke with you?

3. Tell how you committed or recommitted yourself to Christ

- ◆ What did you pray?
- ◆ What did you read in the Bible?

4. Tell what Jesus means to you now

- ◆ What have you been learning about God?
- ◆ What has your church involvement since, meant to you?
- ◆ What do you hope to have happen in your life?
- ◆ If you can share a Bible verse that is especially meaningful to you, do that

5. Write it all out word-for-word on about two pages. Two single-spaced typed pages will take you 4-5 minutes to read. Enjoy yourself! You are sharing Good News!

Warnings:

- ◆ Be careful about referring to other denominations. It is best not to do it; if you came from a church background, just say that you were in another denomination, or in a traditional, or mainline church, something like that to give people an idea of where you are coming from, w/o offending those who may have the same heritage, and may or may not still be involved in it.
- ◆ Never down-talk another church or denomination.

These guidelines are given to make your testimony powerful for the Lord, and honoring to the Lord. God bless you!