

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

## **MY TESTIMONY**

**My life story leading to Christ:** (remember no one is born a Christian)

**The circumstances surrounding your decision to place faith in Christ:**

**How my life and mind has and is being transformed by Christ:**

# HOW TO SHARE YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

These are some ideas that may help you and/or motivate you not only to fill out a more extensively written personal testimony, but also to give it face-to-face to others. The personal testimony is a time-honored and effective method of evangelism, encouragement to other believers and most important a way to give glory to Jesus. The skeptic may deny your doctrine or attack your church, but he cannot honestly ignore the fact that your life has been changed. He may shut his ears to a pastor, but he is somehow attracted to the human-interest story of how you found peace within.

On six separate occasions between Paul's third missionary journey and his trip to Rome, he stood before audiences and presented Christ to them (Acts 22-26). Six times he stood alone. Six times he addressed unbelievers, many of them hostile and rude. Do you know the method Paul used each time? He used his personal testimony. Each time he spoke, he simply shared how his own life had been changed by the touch of Christ and the indwelling of His power. Not once did he argue or debate with them. Not once did he preach a sermon. Why? Because one of the most convincing unanswerable arguments on earth regarding Christianity is one's personal experience with the Lord Jesus Christ. No persuasive technique will ever take the place of your personal testimony. I challenge you to spend some time thinking through and then presenting the way God saved you along with the exciting results of His presence in your life, i.e. overcoming a family crisis, etc...

. YOU WANT TO BE LISTENED TO, SO BE INTERESTING. No one, no matter how gracious, enjoys being bored. It's a contradiction to talk about how exciting Christ really is in an uninteresting way. Work on your wording, your flow of thought, your key terms. Remember, the person may not be a believer, so guard against religious clichés and inside information like I went with the red door or youth group - just call it church trip with locations like Lake Mojave should be referred to as a giant lake, or the mountains. People should be referred to as a friend in Christ, brother or sister in Christ or my pastor. Speak to your audience's age level.

. YOU WANT TO BE UNDERSTOOD, SO BE LOGICAL. I suggest that you think of your salvation in three segments ...and construct your testimony story accordingly:

- a. Before you were born again
- b. The circumstances that brought you to Christ
- c. The change, the difference He has made since you received Christ.

. YOU WANT THE MOMENT OR TIME RANGE OF GOD'S SPIRIT'S CALLING YOU TO NEW LIFE TO BE CLEAR, SO BE SPECIFIC. Don't be at all vague regarding how you became a Christian. Speak of Christ, please don't give credit to the Red Door, a church, friends or trip. Refer to the decision you made, and the release you experienced when you received the Lord. Be simple and direct. Emphasize the faith before the feeling.

. YOU WANT YOUR TESTIMONY TO BE USED, SO BE PRACTICAL. Be human and honest as you talk. Don't promise, "All your problems will end if you become a Christian," for that isn't true but declare Jesus gives us victory to go through stuff. Try to think as an unbeliever thinks as you are speaking. **Don't exaggerate or focus too much on all the sin you might have done or how fun it might have been.**

. YOU WANT YOUR TESTIMONY TO BE A BLESSING, SO BE WARM AND GENTLE. A smile breaks down more barriers than the hammer blows of cold, hard facts. Be friendly and sincere. Let your enthusiasm flow freely. It's hard to convince another person of the sheer joy and excitement of knowing Christ if you're wearing a jail-warden face. Above all, be positive and courteous, your change of heart towards Christ and His love will undoubtedly have a positive impact on those listening!

## Testimonial Feed Back

Persons Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Minutes

Speaker can choose their audience

Audience: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender: \_\_\_\_\_ Setting: \_\_\_\_\_

Did they tell about their life before Christ? Yes or No

What caught your interested? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they tell about a day or time when they came to faith in Christ? Yes or No

Which bible passage was mentioned? \_\_\_\_\_

Did they talk about their new life after putting their trust in Christ? Yes or No

Did they relate with their audience? Yes, or No or Somewhat

a. Explain: \_\_\_\_\_

Include 1 area of need and 2 Positive Feedback comments:

1. \_\_\_\_\_

2. \_\_\_\_\_

3. \_\_\_\_\_

### Reviewer's suggested target audience:

Audience: 1. Youth, ages 5 to 12      2. Teen, ages 13 to 17  
3. Young Adults, ages 18 to 30      4. All ages

Size of audience: 1. (1 to 30) 2. (31 to 50) 3. (A large crowd)

Gender type: 1. Male 2. Female 3. Co-ed

Setting: 1. School 2. Church 3. Outside Day Event 4. Outside Night Event

Healing theme of testimony:

abuse, addiction, anger, doubt, illness, rebellion, rejection, suicide

Have you been baptized? If yes, when, where: \_\_\_\_\_