# **How to Share Your Testimony**

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# **Why Should I Share My Testimony?**

## We are commanded to be ready to give an answer for the hope that we have.

### *1 Peter 3:15*

### We are commanded to witness to others.

### *Mark 16:15*

### *2 Timothy 4:5*

## We are commissioned to witness to others.

### *1 Thessalonians 2:4*

### *2 Corinthians 5:19-20*

## Christians are concerned about the souls of those who are lost.

### *Romans 9:3*

### *Matthew 18:10-14*

## Be sure of your own faith and that it is played out clearly before you share verbally.

### There is a good saying: “People would rather **SEE** a sermon than **HEAR** one.”

### *Matthew 5:16*

# **How to Write Your Christian Testimony**

## Realize the **power** of your Christian testimony.

#### *Revelation 12:11*

## Study an example of a testimony from the Bible.

### *Acts 26*

### *Acts 22*

## Spend time in thought preparation.

## Start with a simple 3-point outline

### Before you trusted Jesus

### How God brought you to faith

### What life has been like since then in your walk with Jesus \*\*\**This should be the* ***focus*** *of the testimony!\*\*\**

## Important Tips to Remember

### Stick to the point. Jesus’ power is central to your testimony.

### Make it smooth and easy to understand.

### Sound adult, not juvenile.

### Use Scripture at appropriate times.

### Be specific: Include events, genuine feelings, and personal insights that will clarify your main points.

### Be current. Your testimony should be changing daily.

### Be honest. Don’t exaggerate or dramatize your life for effect. Simple truth of what God has done in your life is all the Holy Spirit wants. He will use your testimony to convict others of their sin and convince them of his love and grace.

### Say “I” and “Me” – not “You”

### Avoid “Christianese” – will explain more later

### Use word pictures – 1 or 2

## Things to Avoid

### *Stay away from churchy, “Christianese” phrases that can alienate listeners and readers and keep them from identifying with your life.*

# ***Examples of Words to Avoid:***

## “Born Again”

## “Saved”

## “Lost”

## “Sin”

## “Gospel”

## “Repent”

#### **What Happens After You Write Your Testimony**

## Practice it!

## Use it!

# ***Websites that were consulted:***

## [*www.studentventure.org*](http://www.studentventure.org/)

## [*www.about.com*](http://www.about.com/)

## *Plus many others!*