

How To Write Your Personal Testimony

Answer the following questions lettered a through f. Then take these answers and type them into your computer. Make whatever adjustments that are needed for clarity and flow of your story. The end result will be a concise and clear testimony that you can share at a moment's notice.

Use the list below to jog your memory about your life before you put your faith in Christ alone for your salvation. Perhaps you struggled with several of the following. And by the way, it's OK if these struggles still crop up from time to time. It's your growth, trust and persistence - thanks to the strengthening power of Christ - that matters.

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| <input type="radio"/> Feeling far from God | <input type="radio"/> Loneliness |
| <input type="radio"/> Gnawing inner emptiness | <input type="radio"/> Feeling unloved |
| <input type="radio"/> Lack of peace | <input type="radio"/> Insecurity |
| <input type="radio"/> Fear of death | <input type="radio"/> Immense guilt |
| <input type="radio"/> Family dysfunction | <input type="radio"/> Desire for control |
| <input type="radio"/> Longing for meaning in life | <input type="radio"/> Addictive behaviors |
| <input type="radio"/> Traumatic childhood hurts | <input type="radio"/> Lack of purpose |
| <input type="radio"/> Feelings of insignificance | <input type="radio"/> Emotional instability |

- a. Using the "memory jogging list" above, in this box describe yourself before you met Christ. Picture yourself sharing this description with someone that has become a close friend.

b. Many of us try and solve our own problems. Perhaps this is your story as well. In this box, describe some of your failed attempts to “fix” yourself before you received Christ.

c. Now, recall the circumstances surrounding how you were drawn to Christ. What made you consider Him as the solution to your deepest needs? Identify specific events that led you to trusting in Jesus. If this was a long-term process summarize it, but don't leave out important details.

d. State clearly the steps you took to put your faith in Christ. If God drew you to Himself through a particular Bible verse, share that verse. Be sure and incorporate the following truths in your story as well, in your own words.

“I realized I was a sinner, separated from God.”

“I saw that the penalty for my sin was death - separation from God for eternity.”

“I understood that Jesus paid the penalty for my sins.”

“I put my trust in Christ alone and what He did for me.”

- e. Now very concisely, talk about your life since coming into a relationship with Jesus. Your goal here is to show the difference that Christ is making in your life. You don't need to show 100% victory over every difficulty. Simply share your confidence - through examples - that the Lord is walking beside you through the problems.
What are the biggest changes that have happened in your life?

- f. Conclude with a statement similar to, "And of course, in addition to the amazing benefit of being forgiven in this life, I also have the promise of spending eternity in Heaven." A statement like this often leads to a deeper conversation about spiritual matters. Your friend might ask, "How can you say that? How can anyone say that? How can you know for sure?"

Write your closing statement here:

Now, memorize your testimony and if someone asks about your hope as a believer, you will always be ready to explain it!