

The "90 Second" Testimony

There are many types of testimonies for many different situations and audiences. This evangelistic testimony is a tool you can use conversationally with you friends on campus and for a lifetime. Picture yourself in a room at school talking to a non-Christian friend and they ask you why you do not party. In a natural way, you can share your testimony in 1 to 1 ½ minutes and tell your friend how Christ has changed your life and share how he/she can also become a follower of Jesus. A polished testimony is an incredible tool the Lord can use to bring others to Himself.

Do's of a 90-Second Testimony

- Do ask the Lord to give you wisdom and guidance as you write (James 1:5-6)
- Do follow a four-point outline:
 - Life before knowing Christ (attitudes and actions)
 - How you realized your need for Christ. (a transition sentence into the Gospel)
 - How you received Christ. (Gospel: simplifies four Laws)
 - Life after you received Christ. (Changes He has made, what He means to you now)
- Do emphasize point 3 above if you became a Christian as a small child.
- Do have 2-3 areas the Lord has changed since you received Christ that you can insert depending on the person with whom you are sharing. Share only one area at a time.
- Do end your testimony with, "Have you ever considered receiving Christ?"

Don'ts of a 90-Second Testimony

- Don't use Christian jargon like saved, born again, converted, Lordship. Instead use words that an unbeliever can relate with like changed, new perspective, new priorities, Jesus is now "boss" of my life, etc.
- Don't be too wordy, beat around the bush, or emphasize how bad you used to be.
- Don't mention church denominations, especially in a derogatory way.
- Don't give the impression that the Christian life will make your life perfect.
- Don't share your spiritual journey in too much detail.

When you share your testimony be sure to:

- Be relatable to the person you are sharing with. Choose an area the Lord has changed that they can relate with personally.
- Be very clear on the Gospel. Tell the specifically how to receive Christ through prayer. (A person should know how to become a Christian after hearing your testimony.)
- Relax and do not rush yourself. The more relaxed you are, the more relaxed they will be.
- Speak with love and enthusiasm of what the Lord has done for you.
- End with "Have you ever considered receiving Christ?" Let them answer. If the answer is no, you can say, "Would you like to now?" If they answer no again, you can say, "It is a big decision, I understand. Take some time and think about it. If you have any questions, feel free to ask me anytime."