

SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

Note to the reader: these are suggested best practice we encourage you consider as you're encouraged to always seek the guidance of the Holy Spirit when sharing your testimony.

Rev 12:11 – "They conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony"

Sharing our testimonies is the one of the most important things that we can do to evangelize and to see others come into Kingdom of God. It's our own experience and no one can rebut it. That is how it was done in the beginning of Church. There was no written New Testament yet, but it was effective and especially when it is led by the Holy Spirit. To be effective, we must follow certain recommendations:

Never speak badly about another religion or denomination. – We do not know if someone in the audience may belong to that denomination, and if that is the case, they may close their "hearts" and "ears" to what you have to say. It is better to say for example: "The person that in charge of the event" instead of saying: "The pastor" or "The priest" Let us not identify a particular religion in the testimony. We are not about religion but about a relationship with our Lord.

We do not want to be too "churchy". We can quote one or two Bible verses, but we do not want to preach...just share your testimony ...what God did in your life...and <u>always</u> for the honor and glory of Jesus...always. It is all about Him and not about us.

Never exaggerate or "help God." A true testimony carries its own anointing, and the Holy Spirit is the one that will touch the hearts and minds of the attendees or the person. You do your part; God will do His.

We recommended that you prepare and write your testimony indicating three mayor parts:

Your life before you met Jesus; Tell it as it is but do not go deep in details. Following the leading of the Holy Spirit and consider the audience. This should represent about 40% of your testimony. When you encountered our Lord; How did you come to know Him...what did you sense then, this should represent about 10% of your testimony and is one of the most important parts.

Finally, what was your life after coming to Christ, how God changed you for His glory and what are you doing today. This is the other 50%.

Invite them to receive Jesus into their hearts. There must be repentance in the first place, then they must confess with their mouths that He is now their Lord and Savior....and that they are giving their lives to Him...Something like this: Dear Lord Jesus, I repent of my sins, thank you for dying in the cross for me. Today I confess you as my Lord and Savior, come into my heart, and guide my life from now on, amen"

Let them know that they are a new creature in Christ, and all thigs are made new. Expect wonderful new things to happen and start reading your Bible, beginning with the book of Saint John

Practice makes perfect so practice your testimony many times and be ready to share it in 5, 10, 20 or 40 minutes. Pray that the Lord will use you for His honor and Glory with someone. Put yourself in different scenarios...what would happen if you were in a bus and you are going to get off in about 5 minutes, and there is someone over there that needs a prayer and specially Jesus in his/her life?

You can also share an answered prayer...how God delivered you from a sickness or helped you bring your family together or get a job. Listen to the Holy Spirit...let Him guide for you to what to say and when to say it.