

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO YOU
(Using Your Personal Testimony)

I Peter 3:15

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, always being ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

“Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts...”

“Always be ready to give a defense...”

Defense—

Witnessing Encounter is a Courtroom Scene

Prosecuting Attorney—_____

Defense Attorney—_____

Judge—_____

Jury—_____

Witness—_____

“To everyone who asks you...”

“To give an Account for the Hope that is in you...”

Hope—

Account—

Yet—

“With Gentleness and Reverence”—

The greatest tool in sharing your faith is your _____—how, when, and where you met Jesus Christ, and what your life has been like since then.

Tips in communicating your testimony:

- 1. Remember, nothing can take the place of _____, kindness, and a genuine concern for someone***
- 2. Don't use _____ English***
- 3. Don't use _____-ese—using churchy language***
- 4. Keep it _____—two or three minutes***
- 5. Be _____ Controlled—remember it's the Holy Spirit's job to convict and to save, your job is to share***
- 6. Speak to people's felt _____—aim for the heart***
- 7. Don't be condescending in _____—don't sound preachy***
- 8. Use _____ appropriately***
- 9. Don't dwell on how _____ you were before Christ***
- 10. Tell how you came to _____ you needed to be saved***
- 11. Tell what _____ you to become a Christian—people, circumstances, What was the turning point?***
- 12. Be sure and tell _____ you got saved—present the plan of salvation***
- 13. Use _____ that are relevant—Romans 3:23; 6:23; 10:9-10;13—ROMAN ROAD***
- 14. Talk about what _____ _____ means to you right now. Make it relevant.***

15. _____ your testimony or sharing it will have no impact
16. Pray for Divine _____ in your daily routine
17. Have a genuine _____ that people without Christ are lost and if they died would go to _____
18. When you finish sharing your testimony ask, "Have you ever _____ about this kind of thing before?"
19. Be _____
20. Be _____, not dull or boring

MY TESTIMONY

I "_____ I BECAME A CHRISTIAN I FELT..."
Use felt-need words such as empty, lonely, searching)

II "THE _____ POINT FOR ME WAS WHEN I REALIZED I NEEDED A RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD"
(Share how you came to that point of knowing you needed to be saved)

III "THIS IS WHAT I _____ TO BECOME A CHRISTIAN" (Share the plan of salvation)

IV "MY LIFE _____ BECOMING A CHRISTIAN CAN BEST BE DESCRIBED AS..." (Share how Jesus has helped you, but don't make it sound like life has been perfect and trouble free. Be honest about your struggles too).