

Paul's Testimony

Read Paul's more lengthy testimony in Acts 22:1-21.

Record the three parts of his testimony.

His life before salvation:

How he was saved:

His new life after salvation:

What elements can you see here that make for a good testimony?

Do you think this testimony is powerful? Why or why not?

Some people think that their testimony is boring perhaps because they grew up in a Christian family or were not as wicked as others prior to coming to Christ. What would you tell such a person?

Do you think that your testimony is powerful? Why or why not?

What elements make Paul's testimony interesting?

What elements of the gospel can you see in his testimony? (Jesus, repentance, faith.)

Who was he sharing his testimony with? Who can we share our testimony with? (Could be anyone, opponents, adversaries, friends, strangers.)

What are the ingredients of a good testimony?

- Short and concise (if talk too long it will feel like a lecture and may get boring)
- Clear and Structured (it should have clear points and a central theme)
- Personal (this is your testimony. Why do YOU believe in and follow God? How has YOUR life changed?)
- Interesting (A testimony is not a blind recitation of theology or dogma. It is a vibrant story of how God has changed you. If you have any good stories to share such as how God has changed you, the difference in your life now, or answers to prayer, include one or two inside.)
- End with a question (The goal is to start a conversation and interact with the person you are sharing with. Ask an open ended question to close. What do you believe in?)
- What do you think is the meaning of life? Have you ever considered if there is a God? Where do you think this world came from? Have you ever seen spiritual things you can't explain?)

Prepare your own testimony.

You can write out the whole testimony or an outline. Try to keep your testimony 2-3 minutes long.

Here are a few questions you can use for giving yourself feedback: What aspects of the testimony were good? Do you have any suggestions for areas of improvement? Was it clear? Was it personal? Was it interesting? Would the final question be likely to stimulate a good conversation or response?



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