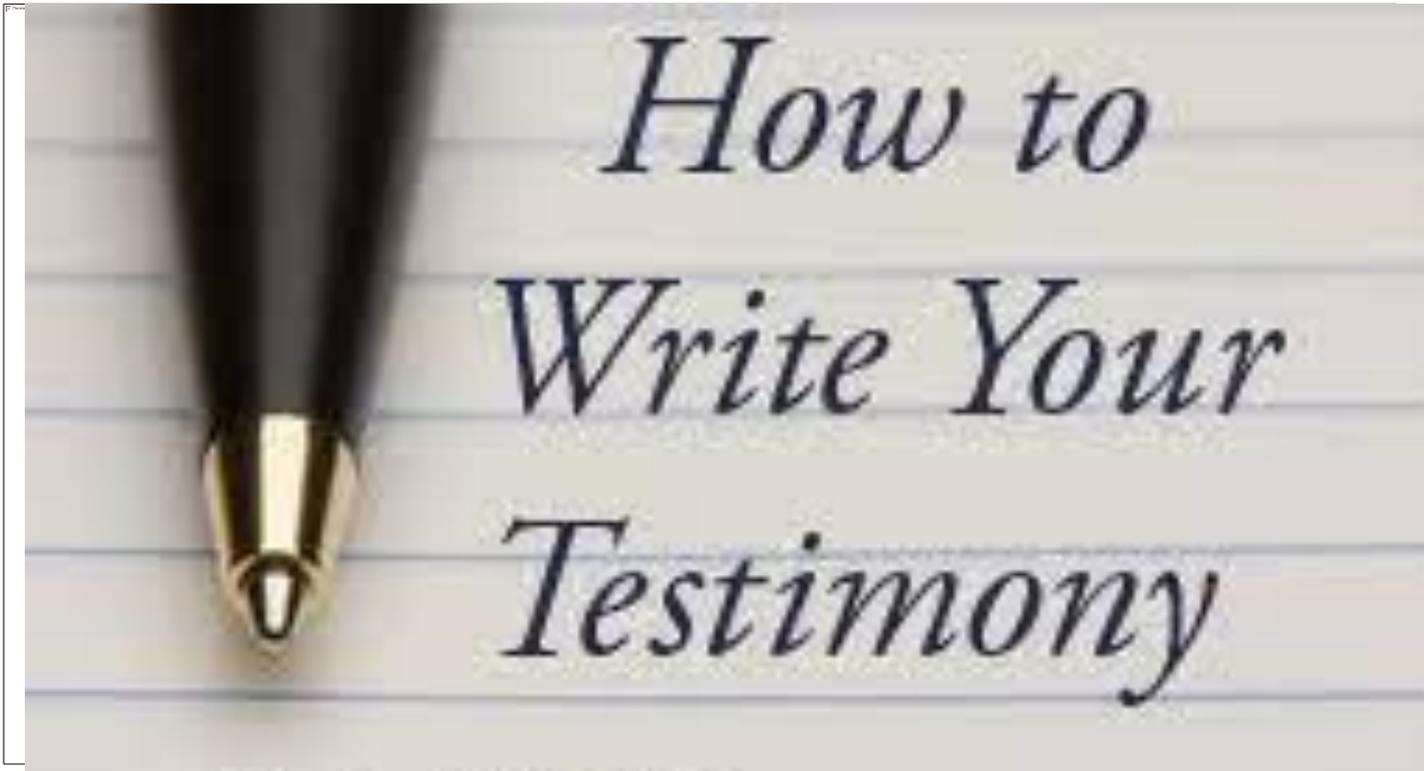




**Writing Your
Personal
Testimony**



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How To Write Your Testimony

1. One of the greatest witnessing tools you have for your family and friends, even after you go home to be with the Lord, is your written testimony. **Revelation 12:11, Ps. 78:3-4, 6-7**
2. Before writing or sharing your testimony, it helps to **have a plan** of what you want to say.
3. A plan helps you: share key points and not forget them; overcome nervousness; stay on track; be clear and concise (**up to 5 minutes**).

Revelation 12:11; Psalm 78:3-4, 6-7 (NIV)

And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; **Revelation 12:11**

³ things we have heard and known,
things our ancestors have told us.

⁴ We will not hide them from their descendants; we will tell the next generation the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders He has done.

⁶ so the next generation would know them, even the children yet to be born, and they in turn would tell their children.

⁷ Then they would put their trust in God and would not forget his deeds but would keep His commands. **Psalm 78:3-4, 6-7**

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4. **Pray** and ask God to help you remember your story, for what to say and how to say it.
5. Write your testimony **the way you speak**.
Write like you are talking to your best friend.
6. Share your story and what happened to you. **Use “I” “me” and not “you”**. This keeps your testimony personal and warm.
7. **Include humor** to reduce tension and drama.

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8. Avoid religious words, phrases or jargon. The reader may not know what you mean.
 - a. Faith or believed **vs.** Trusted or relied
 - b. Sin **vs.** did wrong or disobeyed God
 - c. Born again **vs.** invited Christ into my life
9. Don't judge or pressure the reader, "if you are not living right, you should do this too, Do it now why you still have the time!"

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10. Explain how you realized your life needed to change. Explain what problems or habits you had and how you felt, such as:
 - a. Lack of peace or frustration
 - b. Guilt from what you were doing (habits)
 - c. Fear of death
 - d. Something was missing in your life or you had no purpose

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11. Focus on **key points to share**. If you are telling a story, just focus on one.
12. **Be honest** in what you thought and how you felt. **Don't sensationalize, lie or glamorize wrongdoing** or sin.
13. Share your story using **specific examples** of what influenced you to change the way you were living.

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14. Paul's 5 Part Testimony Model

1. Paul gives a brief history of his life.
2. Paul tells about his life before Christ.
3. Paul explains how he came to know Christ.
4. Paul tells about his life after coming to know Christ.
5. Paul closes with his mission for Christ.

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14. Paul's 5 Part Testimony Model Acts 22:1-21
 1. Paul gives a brief history of his life v. 1-3
 2. Paul tells about his life before Christ. 4-5
 3. Paul explains how he came to know Christ. 6-13
 4. Paul tells about his life after coming to know Christ. 14-18
 5. Paul closes with his mission for Christ. 19-21

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14. Paul's 5 Part Testimony Model Acts 26:1-29
 1. Paul gives a brief history of his life v. 1-3
 2. Paul tells about his life before Christ. 4-11
 3. Paul explains how he came to know Christ. 12-20
 4. Paul tells about his life after coming to know Christ. 21-23
 5. Paul closes with his mission for Christ. 24-29

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15. Follow Paul's 5 Part Testimony Model

1. Opening - Identify a **theme** to frame your story.
2. Explain what your life was like **before Christ**.
3. Explain **why** and **what steps** you took to accept Christ. Include verses like **John 3:16, Rom. 10:9**
4. Explain what **changes Christ has made in your life** and **what needs He has met** in your life.
5. Close by summarizing and **inviting the person to accept Christ** as their personal Savior.

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16. Draft, pray, review and **finalize** your story.
17. **Practice reading** your testimony out loud until you feel comfortable and confident.
18. **Ask God for the opportunity to share** your testimony in writing and in person.
19. **Be willing** to share your testimony during His **“Divine Appointments.”** | Peter 3:15

I Peter 3:15 (NIV)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

How To Write Your Testimony

20. Pray and share your written or verbal testimony with **FRANCs**

F riends

R elatives

A cquaintances

N eighbors

C oworkers (at work or in church)

Finish with an invitation to accept Christ

everyone has
a STORY



A close-up photograph of a hand pointing towards the right. The hand is in the foreground, with the index finger extended. The background is a blurred window with a grid pattern, possibly a security screen or a window with a grid of panes. The lighting is soft and warm, suggesting an indoor setting with natural light. The text 'SHARE YOUR TESTIMONY' is overlaid on the right side of the image in a white, sans-serif font.

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