

## TIPS ON WRITING YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

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1. Study a biblical example by reading Paul's "testimony" from Acts 26.
2. Spend some time in prayerful and thoughtful preparation. In other words, don't just write it out in one fifteen minute sitting. Meditate. Ponder. Read. Pray. Then write it and rewrite it as well.
3. Keep your audience in mind: non-Christians!
4. Use a simple four-point outline:
  - (1) Who was I before I believed the gospel?
  - (2) How was I converted by the gospel?
  - (3) What is the gospel?
  - (4) Who am I now?
5. Other tips to remember:
  - (1) Write it out.
  - (2) Be concise (3-4 minutes tops).
  - (3) Stick to the point.
  - (4) Use Scripture (especially when explaining what the gospel is).
  - (5) Be realistic about who you were and who you are now. Don't be afraid to tell people about the cost and struggles of being a Christian.
  - (6) Don't use "Christianese" or religious "code words." For example, stay away from (or at least explain) words and phrases like "born again," "repent," "accepting Jesus," and "personal Lord and Savior."