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Tips for Writing or Telling Your Testimony

- **Write/speak like you would normally.** Don't make it overtly flowery or theological. Use ordinary terms.
- **Be specific.** For example, instead of saying, "I was lost in my sin" you might say, "I knew about God, but I didn't let God control my life or my actions. I regularly lied to my friends. I partied on the weekends."
- **Add details.** Mention who helped you come to know God. Tell about the place where you first prayed. Instead of "I was lead to the Lord," you can say, "Pastor Joe showed me what the Bible says about salvation. Then I knelt by my couch and prayed."
- **Don't be too graphic.** The point is to glorify God by telling how He changed your life. Giving too many graphic details will distract from your testimony. A simple, "I was a heavy drinker and a drug abuser." Or "I was involved in unhealthy and sinful relationships" is preferable to illicit specifics.
- **Don't lie.** Exaggeration is a form of lying too. This isn't a competition. So, tell the story God has given you as honestly as you can. I was saved at a young age; so, God didn't take me out of a sordid lifestyle. For me to suggest otherwise would be sinful.
- **Don't pretend like you are perfect.** Christ's influence in your life has made a difference, but be honest about where you are today. No one is perfect. There is no reason to pretend to be.
- **Keep it short and simple.** The power of your testimony is the power of the Holy Spirit at work in and through you. Don't try to complicate it with too much information.
- **Always make it more about Christ than it is about you.** The purpose in sharing your testimony is to help others come to know the Lord. Make sure that the way of salvation is clear in your words. Specifically, don't make it sound as if you have earned your way to Christ or that your goodness is what makes you saved. Include an invitation to those who may want to know more.
- **Practice.** The most you get used to saying it, the more easily you will be able to share it when the opportunity arises. Ask a Christian friend or family member to listen and give feedback, if desired.

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