

CHAPTER 5

HOW TO GIVE AN EFFECTIVE TESTIMONY

“DO’S and “DON’TS” of a 10 Minute Testimony

A) DO’S

1. When you write your testimony, ask God to give you wisdom and guidance
(James 1:56)
2. Prepare your testimony according to the 3 PARTS OF “ CHRIST AND MY LIFE
 - a. LIFE BEFORE believing Jesus about ¼ of the time. (2 minutes)
 - b. How did you get to KNOW THE LORD personally (more detailed- 3 minutes)
 - c. CHANGES IN LIFE after knowing the Lord. Give two or three examples which clearly demonstrate how God has changed your life, such as miracles or healings (5 minutes)
3. If you became a Christian at an early age, please emphasize on “c” .
4. Start off by using an interesting or attention catching sentence and round it off
with a full and positive ending, including some heart strumming personal experiences.
- 5 Give sufficient examples or details and to quote one or tow scriptures which
suit your experience.
1. Carefully prepare and re-write the testimony and make amendments.
7. When giving testimony, say what the audience would find to be in common
with you.
2. Write the main points of your testimony on a piece of card and use a few key
Words to bring out the main points. Place the card in front of you to control timing.

B) DON'Ts

1. Don't use too many of the religious jargons, such as "born again", "conviction", "released in the Spirit" and "speak in tongues", etc. These words do not allow effective communication with non-believers. Although these words may seem very precious to us, non-believers cannot understand them and so we must use words which people usually use in everyday life.
2. Do not use long sentences with twists and curves or put too much emphasis on your painful experience.
3. Do not give glory to yourself.
4. Do not mention different denominations in a criticizing or disrespectful manner.
5. Do not criticise others or to share on some one's privacy without their permission.
6. Do not let people feel that the life of Christians is always without any problems.

C) WHEN SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY, REMEMBER :

1. GIVE ALL GLORY TO JESUS and say it in spirit and in truth. You must be filled with the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18)
2. Be NATURAL AND RELAXED and speak clearly.
3. AVOID being argumentative or PRESSURISING people to make a decision.
4. AVOID PREACHING. This is only a testimony and not preaching. Using one or two quotes from the Bible only.
5. KEEP SMILING ! Ask the Lord to give you joyful and well-groomed face.
6. DO NOT READ from sheets of paper.
7. Write your testimony IN POINT FORM on a small piece of card and practice it often, remembering always to divide time into 3 parts. Practise until you are so familiar with it that you can present it in lively and confident manner.