

60 Second Testimony (Short Testimony, Elevator Testimony)

1. Be ready at all times to share your 60 second testimony. It is opportunistic. Read and discuss the following Scriptures:

- **John 15:27 NIV** - *And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.*
- **Mark 5:19 NIV** - *Jesus did not let him, but said, Go home to your family and tell them how much the Lord has done for you, and how he has had mercy on you.*
- **Revelation 12:11 NIV** - *They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony; they did not love their lives so much as to shrink from death.*

2. Your testimony is meant to inspire others and show what God has done in your life. It reminds others we are not alone and have similar struggles.

3. Structure of a testimony is 3 parts = 1) Life before, 2) how you surrendered and 3) life now

4. Important tips to Remember:

- Stick to the point. Your new life in Christ should be the main point.
- Be brief and specific. Include events, genuine feelings and personal insights that clarify your main point. This makes your testimony tangible - something others can relate to. But keep it short. They will ask questions if they want to know more details. Questions show they are interested.
- Be honest. Don't exaggerate or dramatize your life for effect. The simple truth of what God has done in your life is all the Holy Spirit needs to convict others of their sin and convince them of His love and grace.

5. Things to Avoid: Stay away from "Christianese" phrases. These "foreign" or "churchy" words can alienate listeners and keep them from identifying with your life. Here are some examples:

Avoid using "born again"	Instead use:	came alive spiritually	given a new life
Avoid using "saved"	Instead use:	rescued	found hope for life
Avoid using "lost"	Instead use:	heading in the wrong direction	had no hope
Avoid using "Gospel"	Instead use:	God's message to man	the good news about Christ's purpose on earth
Avoid using "sin"	Instead use:	falling away from the right path	rejecting God's ways or path
Avoid using "repent"	Instead use:	turn around	admit a wrong

6. Don't worry about results - Share your testimony whenever the Holy Spirit prompts but do not worry if that person is moved or interested in knowing more about Jesus. God has the next step, we can only share and pray for them. Of course if they do ask questions, share the Gospel.