

YOUR PERSONAL TESTIMONY

I. The Value of a Personal Testimony

1. **It is biblical.** Paul shared his personal testimony twice in Acts 22 and 26. In both cases he won people's attention and reached their hearts.
2. **It is authentic.** How you came to know God through Jesus Christ is unique and carries conviction.
3. **It is effective.** People who may be resistant to discussion will be open to listening to your personal story.
4. **It is needed.** Jesus Christ is alive today. People are searching for meaning and purpose only Jesus can give.

2. The Value of a Prepared Testimony

1. **It is expected.** Peter says "Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have." (1 Peter 3:15)
2. **It is enabling.** You will always be ready to share your faith.
3. **It is reliable.** It will ensure you focus on Jesus and the gospel not yourself.
4. **It is concise.** It helps you to be brief and interesting rather than lengthy or boring.

