



Heart to Witness

With All Your Heart

Helpful Hints for Telling Your Story

1. Write the way you speak; make the testimony yours.
2. Practice this over and over until it becomes natural.
3. Shoot for short -- 3 minutes. At that length, it's easily something you can put into a conversation without it becoming a monologue.

An example: Look at Paul's testimony as you consider how to tell your story.

His life before (Acts 22:1-5)

Paul describes what he thought and did before he became a believer.

Your goal: to give specific, yet appropriate, examples of what your life was like (attitudes, needs, problems) before your encounter with Christ.

Remember that examples you give will establish you as a credible witness. However, avoid a religious focus. (You want to make it about Jesus and your need for Him.) Don't spend a great amount of time talking about church activities before your life began to change. Likewise, avoid being explicit and sensational in speaking of drugs, immorality, crime or drunkenness.

How (Acts 22:6-11)

Paul explained how he became a believer.

Your goal: to allow the listener to walk away with a clear understanding of your encounter with Christ and how he or she can trust Christ who died for our sins.

Be careful not to use clichés. Talk in terms they'll understand.

For more information: <http://askcatholicaquestion.blogspot.com/2009/08/giving-your-testimony.html>

