

Preparing Your Testimony

In preparation for the testimony, each candidate for membership should prepare to present a short (2-3 minute) statement regarding his or her relationship with Jesus Christ.

To aid in that preparation, the following outlines are suggested:

For those who became Christians (believers) at an early age or over a period of time so that an exact chronology is difficult:

- An opening phrase identifying yourself.
- An indication of your early church experience.
- How is it that you know you are a Christian?
- How has being a Christian changed your life?
- Where do you see continued need for change?
- An appropriate Bible verse summing up your testimony.

For those who became Christians (believers) as an adult in a clearly defined chronology (as the Apostle Paul does in Acts 26):

- An opening phrase identifying yourself.
- An indication of your life before receiving Christ.
- An indication of how Christ has changed your life since.
- An indication of areas for continued change.
- An appropriate Bible verse summing up your testimony.

It is perfectly fine for you to refer to written notes when you speak before the class.