

MADE USEFUL
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What Is The Primary Task Of Every Christian?

- To bring others into the Kingdom of God
- We are called to be fishers of men

Why Is This The Primary Task?

- The heaven declares the glory of God, so must I! (Ps 19:1, Ps 139)
 - He is our Creator and all creation is beautifully and wonderfully made, therefore it is only right that we declare His glory.
- We are NOT to be ashamed of the Gospel (Rm 1:16, 2 Cor 5:14-15)
 - We are all compelled to preach, how can we withhold the truth from people who need it.
- It is not about ourselves, but about God
 - We are his instruments and mouth piece
- Therefore, we must always be prepared to share the reason why we believe (1 Pet 3:15)

What Is A Personal Testimony?

It is the sharing of your experience and encounter of how you come to accept Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour and Lord.

- Need not be afraid that we might be challenged when sharing our testimony because it is our personal story.

Why Our Personal Testimony?

We want to be prepared to share our testimony to those who ask a reason for our hope. We also want to "how" to know Him personally.

- Sharing your personal testimony is like sharing your life story, something personal with the person you are reaching out to. This also creates a bond, which will make the recipient more receptive

How Do We Share Our Testimony?

1. We share with joy, simplicity and boldness.

How To Prepare For A 3-minute Testimony

Do's:

2. Follow a four-point outline: "My Life With Christ"

- What my life before knowing Christ was like?
- How I realized that I needed Christ
- The details of how I accepted Christ
- Life after I received Christ

How To Witness As A Friend

- Luke 10 Principle
 - Bring blessings
 - **Greetings of: Peace with you, to come in peace**
 - Accept friendship
 - **To accept the food that is placed before you**
 - Pray for friend's felt needs
 - Declare the Good News

How To Make Friends

- Make time
 - **intentionally make/ find the opportunity to make friends that you can reach out to**
- Be personal
 - **Be willing to share about yourself to them**
- Be proactive
 - **Show genuine love and concern**
- Be prayerful
- Be a real friend
 - **Not with the motive of making the person come to Christ, but invest in the interest of the person's life. We are instruments of Christ to sow seeds into people's life. The person might not come to Christ through us, but the seeds that are sown along the way will build up and ultimately bring that person to Christ.**

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Take turns to share your personal testimony. Listen out for the 4 points in the testimony.
2. Who are the pre-believing friends in your family, neighbourhood, community or workplace whom the Lord is leading you to reach with your personal testimony?