

Saved in 60 seconds

One of the greatest tools we have for evangelism is our P_____. The best advertisement for any product is a **satisfied customer**. In the same way, being ready to tell someone your *personal* story is one of the most effective ways to get someone to think about his own relationship with God. The coolest thing about this is that it can be done in *only 60 seconds*.

3 simple parts

B_____. This is where you simply tell them what your life was like before Jesus became your Lord and Savior (life-leader). Some have dramatic stories and others have simple ones, but ALL are irrefutable and effective. Describe your emotions, behavior and thoughts, and hang ups and habits. An effective statement is something like, "Before I accepted Christ my life had no sense of purpose or direction. I felt that my life was meaningless and empty." You could also describe a particular area of interest or need such as, "You know, I also struggled with a bad temper for years, always feeling frustrated and bitter, but Jesus really made a difference in my life." This is not a claim that you are now P_____, only that there has been real progress made, internally and/or externally, and you are NOT ALONE.

H_____. This is a brief S_____ of the way God made you aware of your need for Him and how He met those needs through Jesus Christ. For instance:

"My bitterness was so great that I would push away everyone away. I became very lonely and afraid of getting hurt. But then one day I was listening to a message at church and it hit me that by refusing to forgive, I was ruining my life today, and by not accepting the disappointments of my past, I was, in fact, sabotaging my future. It was at this point that I believe Jesus spoke to me in this way..."

Then also it's good to explain briefly "how to".

"So I prayed, "Dear God, please forgive me for harboring bitterness against so and so. Accept me as your child through Jesus who died for me and rose again.

A_____. Here is where basically one says, "This is what God did in my life, would you like to allow Him to do the same in yours?" Describe what C_____ God has brought about in your life because you were willing to obey God in that area. Don't feel you have to be perfect. People aren't drawn to a "goody two shoes". Keep it real and keep it something they can relate to.

For example, "So through all this God is teaching me how to let go and trust Him more. When I acknowledge Him in ALL my circumstances, I can give up the need to control and relax in every situation, even difficult ones.

Answers:

Personal Testimony

Before; Perfect

How; Story

After; Changes