

Your Life Message can be divided into four key parts...

1. Your Testimony (Spiritual Story)

The Gospel message is important. God has orchestrated it so that your personal story is part of spreading his message.

Your story is part of a larger story. It is worth the time and thought. Every Christian testimony should contain the following information:

- a. What my life was like before a relationship with Jesus

- b. How I realized I needed Jesus

- c. How I committed my life to Jesus

- d. The difference Jesus has made in my life

2. Your Life Lessons

No one else has learned life lessons in the exact same manner you have.

Write them down.

- What has God taught me from failure?
- What has God taught me from lack of money?
- What has God taught me from pain and sorrow or depression?
- What has God taught me through having to wait?
- What has God taught me through illness?
- What has God taught me from disappointment?
- What has God taught me concerning my need for people (community)?
- What have I learned from trying things my own way and not God's way?
- What have I learned from my family, my church, my relationships, my small group, and my critics?

3. Your Godly Passions

God is a passionate God.

He passionately loves some things and passionately hates other things. (pdl:289-295)

- What are some things that are passionate to God that you also are passionate about?

4. Your Explanation of the Good News (The Gospel)

The Good News is that when we trust God's grace to save us through what Jesus accomplished—our sins are then forgiven, we get a purpose for living and we are promised a future home in heaven. (pdl:289-295)

- What are the key elements that must be present to talk about the Gospel?

- What is the Gospel Message (or Good News) in your own words?

NOTE: It's important to remember that this is less of a story about you and what you have done in life. It is more a story about Jesus and what He has done in your life. Once you have your "Conversion Story" written out. Then move on to practicing putting into words what God is doing weekly in your life. A testimony can be about your conversion but we also testify (as eye-witnesses) to the reality, goodness and reliability of God all the time!