

ONE
MINUTE
WITNESS™

**ONE OF THE WORLD'S EASIEST
FAITH-SHARING TOOLS!**

IF GOD ASKED YOU TO GIVE HIM

ONE MINUTE

EACH DAY, WOULD YOU BE WILLING?

Aren't you glad someone shared their faith with you? If Jesus is the answer, shouldn't we be actively sharing His solutions with others in this broken world?

ME. share my faith? Yes, God has chosen you and me to be His ambassadors, His voice, His beating heart. Why? Because there is no better advertisement for His life-changing love than you and me! We are His trophies of grace.

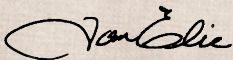
Maybe you're thinking that evangelism is too hard or it's the pastor's job. Or maybe you're worried someone may ask a hard question.

These thoughts and fears aren't new. They just reflect 'creative thinking' on the part of our own insecurities. In fact, God invites all Christians to share their faith.

Sharing our faith not only blesses the recipient, it blesses you back. Plus, God gives us the Holy Spirit to help us so we never do this alone. Let's decide to shut-off that voice of insecurity, and ask God to give us 'spiritual ears' to hear His voice!

We ALL can do this. We ALL have a story, and this **ONE MINUTE WITNESS™** tool makes it fun and easy. After learning and applying this **ONE MINUTE WITNESS™** tool, a pastor said, "To think I have wasted all these years by not sharing my faith. Now I can daily do it with confidence."

... **AND SO CAN YOU!**



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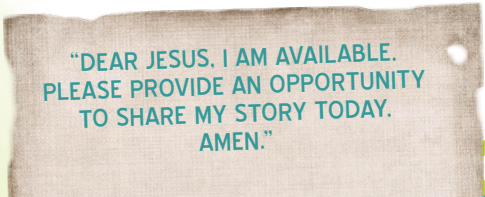


INVITING THE HOLY SPIRIT

The **ONE MINUTE WITNESS™** tool is simply an aid to help you share the life-changing story of Jesus. It is only a tool. It is NOT the message. We must put our confidence in the leading of the Holy Spirit and in His ability to “draw all men unto Him” (John 12:32).

Jesus often approached strangers... like the woman at the well, Zacchaeus who was in a tree, and Matthew the tax collector. Other times Jesus built relationships and then shared, but He was quick to obey God's voice. Compassion always compelled Him!

So when, how, and with whom do you share your faith? Begin each day with the following prayer and ask the Holy Spirit to lead you to someone.



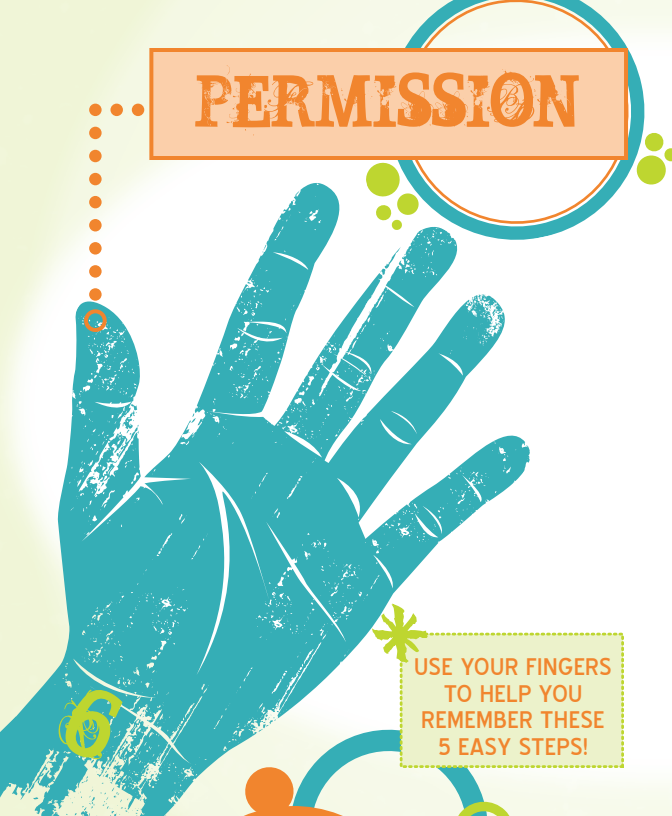
“DEAR JESUS, I AM AVAILABLE.
PLEASE PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY
TO SHARE MY STORY TODAY.
AMEN.”



THE ONE MINUTE WITNESS TOOL

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PERMISSION



USE YOUR FINGERS
TO HELP YOU
REMEMBER THESE
5 EASY STEPS!

Because God loves people, He wants us to tell them about Jesus, whether they are strangers or friends. Here's a great way to start: **PERMISSION**

When we ask people 'permission' to share our thoughts, we treat them with respect, and their defenses come down. Here's a way to transition your conversation...

**"I'M WORKING ON AN ASSIGNMENT.
May I ASK YOU A QUESTION?"**

If they agree, ask...

**"WHAT IS THE BEST THING THAT
HAS EVER HAPPENED TO YOU?"**

People usually smile. Why? It taps into their memory archives and brings up pleasant thoughts. After they finish their story, then ask...

**"MAY I TELL YOU THE BEST
THING IN MY LIFE?"**

Be brief. Sow the seed of the Gospel in around 60 seconds; that's a '**ONE MINUTE WITNESS.™**' A brief story will help keep your friend engaged.



NOW IT'S TIME TO START YOUR STORY...

B.C. (BEFORE CHRIST)



TO BEGIN YOUR
B.C. STORY,
SEE PAGE 16.

We all have a 'B.C.' story, our life 'BEFORE CHRIST.' What was your life like before you personally fell in love with Jesus? I DIDN'T SAY before you went to church or got confirmed. I DO MEAN when you truly surrendered your heart and life to Christ.

Describe your life BEFORE CHRIST.

Here's where we start writing YOUR B.C. story. First, think of three adjectives that describe your B.C. life.

Perhaps you were lonely, frustrated, or lacked purpose. Maybe you had success without significance, lots of guilt or anxiety. Maybe you were hopeless in life or angry at God or afraid to die. The list goes on.

Perhaps you surrendered your life to Christ at a young age and can't remember a specific moment of conversion. You probably remember your need for forgiveness, feelings of guilt, and knowing there has to be a God.

As you remember your B.C. days, YOUR STORY begins to take shape. Go ahead and finish this sentence on page 16. Write three adjectives or phrases for:

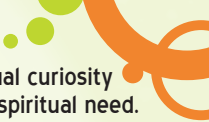
"THERE WAS A TIME IN MY LIFE WHEN..."



T.P. (TURNING POINT)



TO BEGIN YOUR
T.P. STORY,
SEE PAGE 17.



Everyone has a season when their spiritual curiosity kicks in, a time when you see your own spiritual need. This is your **'TURNING POINT'** (T.P.).

It could have happened during a church service, during a crisis, a healing or answered prayer. It could have occurred when someone shared their faith with you or even when you experienced success, yet still felt empty.

Here's a T.P. example: "One day someone told me about a God who really loves me. This God was personal and not distant, and invited me to live in heaven with Him forever. But I had a problem. Heaven's perfect, and I'm not, so I couldn't get in. But God made a way for me. He sent His son, Jesus Christ, to die and pay the penalty for my sins. When I realized Jesus died for my sins and rose again, I invited Him to become the leader of my life."

What was your **'TURNING POINT?'** How did you hear about Jesus? What did you ask Jesus to do in your life? Write this on page 17.



A.D. MEANS 'AFTER DECISION'. This is the easiest and most fun part of our story, because we get to talk about the positive change Christ



A.D. (AFTER DECISION)



TO BEGIN YOUR
A.D. STORY
SEE PAGE 18.

has made in our lives. Here are some of the benefits of coming to know Christ and the difference He makes in our lives: having new joy, a sense of purpose and fulfillment, no more guilt, new friends, and assurance of eternal life. It's a picture of the father rejoicing when his prodigal son came home, "My son was lost but now he's found, he was dead but now he's alive!" (Luke 15).

"SINCE I'VE MET JESUS, I..."

Here's an A.D. example, "Since asking Jesus to be the king of my life, I have new purpose, new joy, and the confidence that I can go to heaven when I die."

FIND THREE ADJECTIVES THAT DESCRIBE THE POSITIVE BENEFITS THAT JESUS HAS MADE IN YOUR LIFE.

That's not too hard, is it? Turn to page 18 when you have come up with your answers.



**IF I HAD
NEVER MET CHRIST...**



**TO COMPLETE
YOUR STORY
SEE PAGE 19.**

Imagine what your life would be like without knowing Jesus. That sounds frightening, doesn't it? You certainly wouldn't have the blessings you just described in A.D.

Let's wrap up your story with what your life might be like if you had never met Jesus. When you speak, the listener will hear your heart. Some people say their life would be empty, meaningless or still searching for purpose. Others say they would be in jail, on drugs, divorced, or even dead. Life would be radically different. When you're done, thank them for listening.

I am told the average person hears the Gospel 7 times before they give their life to Christ. Our immediate goal is not to win them to Christ, but to plant the seed of your testimony. Anything more than that is a bonus!

You can respond to their questions if they are open to talk more. Just don't get into a discussion over doctrine. The power of your story is simply sharing your heart. It's like the blind man who said, "I don't know much about this man who healed me. All I know is that I once was blind, but now I see" (John 9:25).

Finish this sentence and write your answer on page 19. **IF I HAD NEVER MET JESUS, I...**

**B.C.- FINISH THIS SENTENCE WITH
THREE ADJECTIVES OR PHRASES:**



“THERE WAS A TIME IN MY LIFE WHEN...”

1.....

2.....

3.....

T.P.- WHAT WAS YOUR 'TURNING POINT?'

1. HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT JESUS?
"AND THEN ONE DAY,...

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....."

2. FINISH THIS SENTENCE: "WHEN I
REALIZED JESUS DIED FOR MY SINS
AND ROSE AGAIN, I INVITED HIM TO...

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**A.D.- DESCRIBE THE POSITIVE JESUS
BENEFITS HAS MADE IN YOUR LIFE.**



“SINCE I’VE MET JESUS, I...”

1.....

2.....

3.....

WHAT WOULD YOUR LIFE LOOK LIKE WITHOUT CHRIST?

“IF I HAD NEVER MET JESUS, I...”

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THANK YOU FOR LISTENING. THIS SAME
JESUS LOVES YOU VERY, VERY MUCH!

TAKING IT FURTHER...

After sharing the **ONE MINUTE WITNESS™**, you may ask them questions such as:

1. "So what about you? If you died tonight, do you think you would go to heaven?"
2. "How do you think someone gets to heaven?"
3. "May I tell you how the Bible says you can know you're going to heaven?"

If their answer is "yes," introduce the "1,2,3's."

1. ADMIT I have done wrong, and my sin separates me from a holy God. (Romans 3:23)
2. BELIEVE that Jesus Christ died to forgive me, and then rose again, proving He is the one true God. (Romans 10:9-10)
3. CONFESS that I have sinned; ask Jesus to help me turn away from sin and be my savior. (1 John 1:9)

If they understand the 1,2,3's, then ask this key question:
"What would stop you from totally surrendering your life to Jesus Christ today?"

If there's nothing stopping them, then ask, **"With God's help, would you be willing to turn away from what the Bible calls 'sin,' and follow Jesus daily?"**



CLOSING YOUR STORY...

If they say “yes,” then ask them to repeat your heartfelt prayer using the “1,2,3’s” you just learned, or ‘*The Salvation Poem*.’ [Find it on the next page!]

When they are done, congratulate them, and point them toward 3 things: **reading the Bible daily, praying daily, and finding a Bible-believing church to attend weekly.** Exchange emails and phone numbers, and contact them again within 24 hours to congratulate them. When you call them, ask them to read John 3:16-17 to you, and then ask them what it means to them. Ask them how you can pray for them, and invite them to go with you to church or your small group.

HERE’S OUR FOLLOW-UP WEBSITE TO GIVE THEM:

www.frostygrapes.com

So my friend, now you are equipped for the adventure of an eternity. Ask a friend to be your witnessing partner for the next 21 days. And let’s be His everyday witness... starting today!

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The Salvation Poem

Jesus, You died upon a cross
And rose again to save the lost
Forgive me now of all my sin
Come be my Savior, Lord, and Friend
Change my life and make it new
And help me, Lord, to live for You

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TECHNIQUES FOR TRAINERS

1. Introduce **COMPASSION** from Matthew 9:36.
2. Give **1 MINUTE to memorize** the 5 Fingers (Page 5).
3. **Train the ONE MINUTE WITNESS, 1 Finger at a time:**
 - Read the page from the booklet for the finger.
 - Demonstrate your testimony for that finger for all to hear.
 - Everyone writes their testimony. Give 1 minute of silence.
 - Interview 3 people, so all hear what they wrote.
 - Everyone practices with their partner what they wrote.
4. Demonstrate your complete testimony for all to hear.
5. Ask all to share their testimony with their partners.
6. Practice again with a different partner.
7. Train **APPLICATION**. Knowledge without application is useless. (Riding a bike the first time.) Ask 3 questions:
 - a. How many understand the **ONE MINUTE WITNESS**?
 - b. How many could use this tool outside of this seminar?
 - c. When should we start using this tool—next year? When?
8. Instruct for application: "We'll all go outside now..."
 - a. **Everyone should share with at least 4 people each.**
 - b. We will return at _____[time]. (We recommend 45-75 minutes depending on closeness to busy population centers.)
9. After returning, invite 3 people to share their favorite story.
10. **21 DAY CHALLENGE** - Ask which teams will share for 21 days. Text or call your partner daily.
11. Invite them to bring a friend to next month's training.

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