More time spent with fewer people leads to greater lasting impact for the Kingdom of God.

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Study Series

RULES OF ETIQUETTE WHEN PUBLICALLY SHARING YOUR TESTIMONY

- Remember, your real audience is the Lord. His honor is at stake, not yours or Christian Challenge’s.
- Always operate within the designated time frame. Submit to those in authority over you. (Hebrews 13:17) Plan well and let the Lord use your commitment to excellence.
- In preparation, prayerfully narrow your story to one "big idea" and develop it. Avoid trying to tell lots of details. Leave your audience with one thing to remember.
- Start well. Let your "big idea" determine your opening statement. Avoid explaining the details of who invited you to share your testimony. Just start with a strategic statement. This is very important.
- Jesus is supreme. Show us how that is true in your story.
- Remember that in any audience it is likely that some people will be spiritually lost or confused.
- Avoid naming other religions or ministries. When referring to them use general terms such as "another religion", "another church", "another ministry". It is not necessary to ridicule or promote other religions or groups in order to exalt Christ.
- Avoid trying to be funny. Often nervous people try to use humor to relieve their anxiety, but it rarely works. If you are nervous, remember that your audience is the Lord.
- If you use Scripture, use it to under gird your "big idea." Avoid reading long portions. Be sure you have your verse marked and can easily get to it – be careful not to clumsily shuffle through your Bible looking for the verse. Better yet, print your verse out on a piece of paper or just quote it.
- Avoid sermonizing. If a verse needs explanation, save it for your next Bible study.
- Finish well. Leave your audience with something to consider. Let your "big idea" determine what that should be. It could be "trust Christ today" or "be available for missions" or "love one another" or "trust God", etc.
- Often the failure to prepare how to end your testimony will result in rambling and trying to find a way to close. Be prepared. Know in advance what you will say to close your testimony. When you are done, say thanks and sit down.