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Your testimony need not be super dramatic (ex. "I was a drug pusher and a mass murderer before coming to Christ...") as most people can't personally relate to such a story. A simple, but honest appraisal of yourself before Christ may be much more effective than you realize. The following is an example you may like to use as a basic starting idea for your own testimony tract:

I was your average, hard working, "nice guy." I loved my wife and kids, had a decent job, coached little league, and even took my family to church. Whenever I thought about life after death I had no fears at all. After all, I believed in God and Jesus... and I thought I was a pretty good person. I felt that if anyone could end up in Heaven, I probably would. Then came the shock of a lifetime! Let me explain by asking you a couple of questions...

Have you ever lied (even once--fibs, white lies, etc.)? Ever stolen (anything--the value is irrelevant)? Jesus said, "Whoever looks upon a woman to lust after her, has committed adultery already with her in his heart." Have you ever looked with lust? If you have said "Yes" to these three questions, by your own admission, you are a lying, thieving, adulterer at heart; and we've

only looked at three of the Ten Commandments.

What a shock! God didn't see me as the "nice guy" I imagined myself to be... and he doesn't see you that way either. Nothing you've ever done is hid from His holy eyes. Will you be innocent or guilty on the Day of Judgment? Listen to your conscience. You know that you will be guilty, and therefore end up in Hell. That's not God's will. He provided a way for you and I to be forgiven.

He sent His Son to take our punishment: "God commended His love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." He was bruised for our iniquities. Jesus then rose from the dead and defeated death.

Your own so-called "goodness" can't get you into heaven any more than mine could. Jesus is the only way to Heaven. He is the "Door," the only "mediator." There is salvation in no other name, so pray something like this: "Dear God, I repent of all of my sins (confess them). This day I put my trust in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. Please forgive me and grant me your gift of everlasting life. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen."