

**Jody Kennedy International - Spiritual Preparation  
Effectively Sharing Your Testimony in Another Culture**

1. Be prepared:
  - a. Pray about it.
  - b. Write it out.
  - c. “Scrub” it.
  - d. Practice it.
  - e. Time it.
  - f. Repeat c. – e.
  
2. Be sensitive to the Holy Spirit:
  - a. You may or may not be prompted to share your testimony.
  - b. Do not force it.
  - c. Do not turn the class into a Bible lesson.
  
3. Ask permission:
  - a. You are using their class time.
  - b. You are there to teach English.
  - c. You are not a celebrity.
  
4. Be Brief:
  - a. You have a total of 6 minutes, including translation.
  - b. You are taking away from their English speaking practice.
  - c. You are not a celebrity.
  
5. Be Concise:
  - a. “Scrub” out church lingo.
  - b. “Scrub” out non-essential facts.
  - c. Stick to the basics of the salvation experience.
  - d. You are not a celebrity.
  
6. Make a Definite Return to English Class:
  - a. Make it clear that English is a priority.
  - b. Invite them to ask questions – later.
  
7. Review the Witnessing Translation Guide.
  - a. The students do not know church ritual.
  - b. The students do not know Bible terms.
  - c. The students are not fluent in the English language.
  
8. Effectively Use the Translator.
  - a. Advanced classes should not need a translator.
  - b. Basic, Beginner, and Intermediate classes should use a translator.
  - c. Translation avoids misunderstanding.
  - d. Avoid long sentences.
  - e. Avoid idioms.
  
9. Elements of an Effective Testimony
  - a. Avoid controversial or distracting terms and subjects (i.e. divorce).
  - b. Do not “wow them with your wickedness”.
  - c. Do tell them how you discovered your need.
  - d. Do tell them how you heard about Christ.
  - e. Do tell them how you responded to Christ.
  - f. Do tell them how you yielded to being changed.