

Don't Miss It! Writing Your Testimony



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Hebrews 11:5, 6

By faith Enoch was translated that he should not see death; and was not found, because God had translated him: for before his translation he had this testimony, that he pleased God. ⁶ But without faith *it is* impossible to please *him*: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and *that* he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.

Genesis 5:18-24

This Enoch was the great-great-great-great-grandson of Adam. (Noah's great grandfather) Genesis 5:22–24 says, "After he became the father of Methuselah, Enoch walked faithfully with God 300 years and had other sons and daughters. Altogether, Enoch lived a total of 365 years. Enoch walked faithfully with God; then he was no more, because God took him away."

Hebrews 11:5 gives a little more detail: "By faith Enoch was taken from this life, so that he did not experience death: 'He could not be found, because God had taken him away.' For before he was taken, he was commended as one who pleased God." This being "taken away" is what Enoch is most famous for. Only two people in the Bible are said to have been chosen by God to escape death, Enoch and Elijah. Enoch appears to have been given this privilege due to being a man who walked faithfully with God (Genesis 5:24) and pleased God (Hebrews 11:5). For what purpose was Enoch taken away? The Bible does not specifically say. The most common assumption is so that he could serve as one of the two witnesses, alongside Elijah, in the end times.

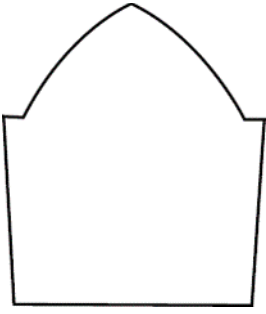
Jude 1:14

Imagine missing out on God's plan for your life. It would be so bad to live the end of life with the words if only.

Surge- World changers!

We all have a testimony, are writing a testimony and will leave a testimony.

What will your epitaph say?



50 Short Epitaph Examples

A Friend In Deed
A Love, True And Constant
A Loving Husband (Wife) And Father (Mother)
A Sharing, Caring Person
A Woman (Man) Of Grace And Dignity
Always A Gentleman (Lady)
Brave In Spirit, Strong In Love
Constant Of Faith, Generous By Heart
Devoted In Love
Forever Grateful And Faithful
He (She) Lived To Help Others
He (She) Touched The Lives Of Many

Here lies the body of our Anna
Done to death by a banana
It wasn't the fruit that laid her low
But the skin of the thing that made her go.

Tom Smith is dead, and here he lies,
Nobody laughs and nobody cries;
Where his soul's gone, or how it fares,
Nobody knows and nobody cares.

Here lies a man named Zeke.
Second fastest draw in Cripple Creek

I would
rather be here
than in Texas.

Auctioneer
Born 1828
Going!
Going!!
Gone!!!
1876

Harry Edsel Smith
Born 1903 - Died 1942
Looked up the elevator shaft
to see if the car
was on the way down.
It was.

Blown upward
out of sight:
He sought the leak
by candlelight
Wiltshire, England
He loved bacon

Enoch's testimony included the following:

1. HE WAS A MAN OF FAITH

"walked with God"- Genesis 5:22, 24

Verse 6

Romans 4:19-21- Abraham

Faith comes by hearing and hearing by the Word of God

Faith looks beyond the circumstances!

"Your faith can move mountains and your doubt can create them." Anonymous

"Faith. It does not make things easy, it makes them possible." Anonymous

"Faith is seeing light with your heart when all your eyes see is darkness." Anonymous

"Feed your faith and your fear will starve." Anonymous

2. HE DIDN'T DIE

This shows me God's ultimate plan

You don't need to walk home, why don't' you just come home with me now.

Jeremiah 1:5,6

3. HE HAD THIS TESTIMONY

Testimony- Acts 6:3; 16:2

Colossians 4:13; Hebrews 11:2, 4, 39

3 John 1:12

4. HE PLEASSED GOD

What options do we have in this life?

Only two choices on the shelf, pleasing God or pleasing self!

2 Corinthians 5:9

Colossians 1:9, 10; 1 John 3:22

1 Kings 3:10- Solomon in asking for wisdom;

Micah 6:7, 8

Matthew 3:17- This is my beloved son in whom I am well pleased

1 Corinthians 10:5; Hebrews 13:16- to do good and to share what you have

1 Chronicles 29:17; Psalm 147:11; Psalm 69:30, 31; Proverbs 16:7

Things that displease the Lord-

Genesis 38:10

Numbers 11:1

1 Chronicles 21:7

Mark 10:14

Romans 8:8- they that are in the flesh cannot please God

1 Thessalonians 4:1, 2 Timothy 2:4

What characterizes a person that is a God pleaser?

- ✓ **A good listener**

Many have an experience without knowledge

Cults deal with the emotions and how it feels!

Doctrine is important

There is a major attack on the validity of the Bible. Christians need to be life-long students of the Bible!

There is a danger of assuming that people know what you know.

FBI course!!

- ✓ **Obedient**
- ✓ **Doing God's will**
- ✓ **Fulfilling God's purpose for their life**
- ✓ **Caring about and loving others**

- **Pleasing ourselves**

III. Nebuchadnezzar- Daniel 4:30;

Luke 18:10-14; Luke 12:16-21- parable of the rich man

What characterizes a person that is a me pleaser?

- ✓ **Selfishness**
- ✓ **Disregards others**
- ✓ **Proud**
- ✓ **Arrogant**

- **Pleasing others**

What characterizes a person that is a man pleaser?

- ✓ **Weak-no backbone**
- ✓ **Vacillating**
- ✓ **Not trustworthy**

Galatians 1:10; John 12:43; Colossians 3:22-25; Matthew 6; 1 Thessalonians 2:4

What would God say about you? What is your testimony?



One-minute take-away