**Being a witness and representing Him well**

**Question: How can I maintain a good non-compromising witness in this world?**

**1. To remind us**

Grace & compassion our motivator.

Greater is he in us. **1 Jn 4 v 4**. the one in you is **greater** than the one who is in the world.

Partner / represent Him: **Luke 10 v 16, John 20 v 23**

Truly knowing Him we are his witness. **Ac 1 v 8** The **H S**, directly related to us being witnesses

Born-again to make a difference.

Every chapter of life brings us into contact with different & new people.

**2. Jesus example**

Jesus mirrored His Father: **Heb 1 v 1 - 3**

Jesus was tested: temptations, after 5000, malchus ear, Gethsemane, Father, not my will…

The Father spoke*/*speaks to us: by his Son His life / words / actions / death …

Jesus was “sent” on a mission, In our salvation we are “sent” on a mission ( World study )

As the Father lived in the Son doing His will. The HS/Jesus lives in us to do Gods will.

**John 14 v 10, John 10 v 18 - John 14 v 15 - 21**

Good works prepared in advance. **Eph 2 v 10**

**3. Sovereignty of God over-arches: Ac 17 v 24 - 28 v 26. Ac 1 v 7**

**4. Where do I spend my time? Christian and non-Christian friends**

Family, raising children, friends, school / college, work-place, leisure, neighbours…

Who are the people God has put me with?

Family, raising children… ?

 Life choices, quiet times, books, music, friends, Church activities, etc

Friends / Leisure …

True friendship! Your life walk

School / college / work-place …

How you live life! Be open about your faith **( where possible )**

Neighbours …

 Good & Bad!

**5. The parallel of slaves:**

**Col 3 v 22-25 Slaves**. Sincerity of heart, work as if for the Lord

**Col 4 v 1 Masters**. provide your slaves with what is right and fair,

**1 Tim 6 v 1 Masters.** - respect workers. **Slaves** - serve well

**Titus 2 v 9-12 Slaves**. Please masters, not talk back or steal, build trust so that in every way they will make the teaching about God our Saviour **attractive.**

**11**For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. **12**It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age.

**1 Peter 2 v 18 - 21 Slaves.**Suffer? - endure it. Follow Christs example

 **1 P 2 V 12** that people see your good deeds **1 P 2 V 17** live as Gods slaves

**Col 3, 1 Tim 6 v 3-10, Titus 2, 1P 2 v 1-25** Christian behaviour & attitude

**6. God wants us to be fulfilled, fruitful, enjoying life.** It will reflect

**7. Remember sometimes:**

1. God orchestrates conversations

2. We need to initiate a conversation

3. Dangle the carrot!

4. Good relationships are the key. Being a good friend

5. Build good bridges of trust

6. What chapter is the person in?

**8. Lay down boundary lines early on in your thinking & in practise.**

**Not** hiding the fact you are a Christian.

Attitude to your boss & workmates …

Behaviour, Lying, words ( criticism ), gossip, bad jokes, thieving, being on time …

You will be mocked.

You will be tested. Ex the glow worm.

Once tested it is much easier to speak.

**How do I see myself?**

Planted of the Lord. You bring in another Kingdom in word and deed

**John 17 v 21**  “they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me”

**And If I lose ground?**

Who is influencing who?

Standing firm!

God is faithful. In-spite of us!