

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 **HS**, 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 Christ's example

^{1 P 2 v 12} that people see your good deeds ^{1 P 2 v 17} live as God's 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!

