

III. Conclusion: Witnessing on any level has challenges and we are all affected in various ways by personality, gifts, etc. But the challenge to witness pertains to the entire body of believers and there is no reason for us to be fearful in it...as long as we are willing to witness for God and not for ourselves. So the lesson is to be prepared by having the right testimony, being ready to act by having the service of the proper tools, and being ready to speak up in the strength of the Spirit. The armor of God is not burdensome but enlivening so that we are able to be in the conflict for souls with the joy of the Lord.

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And I am terribly sorry to have lost the last message in this series. If it shows up anywhere I will try to use it or insert it. But we are nearing the end of the formal series available to me and we might as well hurry on to the discussion of 1999.

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19. COVENANT COLLEGE (1999) THE PUBLIC LIFE OF THE LORD JESUS CHRIST

An Introductory Note: With many other Bible students I have been fascinated by the life of the Lord. Since reading Edersheim many years ago I have read several interpretative accounts of His life in the Gospels and have struggle with some of the philosophic questions raised about His Person and Work. The exemplary character of His life is very gripping and the vicarious nature of His work is salutary in every way. Well, this is another of my studies in the life of the Lord and in this discussion I was concerned especially with His public life....the life lived openly before the world. I approached these in a different format than most of my work by summarizing the key passages first of all and then inducing key ideas from them for our consideration. I am not sure how that will work out in this form of presentation and anyone who studies the material seriously will need to look at the texts that are given in the individual studies of lessons. At any rate I enjoyed doing it very much and shared the ministry again with Alan Parks...enjoying his ministry and the fellowship of the conference at large.

The Ministry:

1. He is the One publicly committed to the will of God,.
2. He is the One who publicly lives as a responsible citizen
3. He is the One who publicly lives as a friend to sinners