

a. He tells of Christ (Acts 1) This is the focal point of the whole affair. The witness tells of the resurrection and grace of Christ. Where he is located is not so much the point...also the manner in which he does it is not so important. But it is important that he tells of Christ in such a meaningful and direct way that his world will know of the Lord Jesus and His atoning work.

b. He demonstrates with his life..as in 1 Peter 2:12. The witness in practice demonstrates the reality of what he knows through the course and direct yieldedness of his life. It is true that the Lord sometimes uses the poorest of witnesses to make the Gospel point with sinners, but our aim should not to be the poorest and hope for a miracle...but to be consistent and expect what is the normal honoring of the Christian witness. Here is a challenge for the practice of every believer..to see that his life is in good agreement with his words.

c. He depends on the power of the Lord. While the witness gives his testimony steadfastly and securely, it is the work of the Spirit as ministered by the Lord on which he depends. We read of the Lord adding to the church daily and we read of the work of the Spirit in John 15. This dependence relieves the witness of feelings of self-guilt and failure if his work is not properly respected and it also gives him greater confidence in what he says and does for he knows that a superior power is enervating the message.

d. He seeks faithfulness in lieu of his own weakness and lack of skill. 1 Corinthians 4:1-6 is a classic passage on this matter. No witness is totally prepared and none totally accurate. Therefore the practice is to seek to be faithful knowing that this is what is expected of us and if we are faithful there is a sense in which we are already successful.