

**Colossians 4:5-6**  
Steady in Witness

*While you walk ...*

I. Wise Ways

A. Private Practices

B. Public Person

II. Weighed Words

A. Gracious

B. Penetrating

III. Worthy Witness

A. Integrity

B. Truth

*... testify to Christ.*

**Children, Listen ...**

1. Do you think if we really live for the Lord that people will notice?
2. We live our lives before God, so it is important to walk in His ways. But who else is watching us?
- 3 Why should Christians be careful about the way they speak to others?
4. What do you think others think when Christians say mean things and act in bad ways?
5. As you grow in your understanding of the Bible you will be able to explain it to others. Why is that important?

**Wisdom, Words & Witness**

Like it or not, you're being watched ... by "outsiders." How we come across to unbelievers will very obviously impact the witness for Christ we hope to be to them. Before Paul concludes his letter, he offers a few words of instruction regarding our public image as well as the power of our words. But it really starts with our personal practices of holiness and spiritual habits of devotion. If we are walking with the Lord in private our lives will reflect the fact that we have been with Jesus and that the Holy Spirit is at work in us to the public. We will be people of personal integrity who are anchored in the truth of the Gospel and we will be prepared to explain it. By our upright actions and our conversations that are gracious and penetrating, people will recognize that we genuinely belong to the Lord – whether they like it or not – they will have to admit there is something strikingly different about us. Such intrigue may just spark the kind of conversation we hope for, that is, an opportunity to share the Gospel. But Paul presses us a little further by urging us to make "the best use of time" – in other words, don't just wait for opportunities to pop up, but be eager to testify to the saving power of Jesus with those in need. Remember to apply the prayer Paul requested in right before this in v. 2-4 and apply it to yourself and be ready to be used by the Lord in His Kingdom work.