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Paul's witnessing motif was often \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Thess. 2:8 We loved you so much that we were delighted to share with you not only the gospel of God but our lives as well, because you had become so dear to us.*

*Luke 19:10 For the Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost.*

Key: pg.1: concern; conduct; care; Pg. 2: character; care.  
Pg. 3: relational.

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## Gaining a Hearing

Dream Big, Think Small—part 2

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■ **Getting the cart before the horse** ■

*Mark 16:15 "...preach the Good News to everyone, everywhere."*

Before people want to *hear* good news,  
they want to *see* good news in you.

■ **What do people sense from you?** ■

Paul's example:

a. His prayerful \_\_\_\_\_.

*Col. 4:4 Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should...*

b. His \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Thess. 2:9 Surely you remember, brothers, our toil and hardship; we worked night and day in order not to be a burden to anyone while we preached the gospel of God to you.*

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c. His \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Thess. 2:10 You are witnesses, and so is God, of how holy, righteous and blameless we were among you who believed.*

d. His \_\_\_\_\_.

*1 Thess. 2:7... we were gentle among you, like a mother caring for her little children.*

### **Using words...**

*Col. 4:5 Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity. [6] Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

*1 Thess. 2:11 For you know that we dealt with each of you as a father deals with his own children, [12] encouraging, comforting and urging you to live lives worthy of God, who calls you into his kingdom and glory.*

**The open door of story**

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We usually make a mistake when we try to take a HUGE leap to Jesus.

*Matthew 10:16 I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves.*

*James 1:19 (RSV) Know this, my beloved brethren. Let every man be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger,*

*Luke 2:46 (RSV) After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions;*

*Luke 2:47 ... and all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.*

**The power of your story!!!**

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