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Asking Questions

Witnessing, Made Easier--part 3

Luke 2:46-47

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■ **Series review: Engage, Pray.** ■

**Ways we make witnessing more difficult than it need be.**

a. Our faulty *a* \_\_\_\_\_.

b. Our proud *a* \_\_\_\_\_.

c. We have not t \_\_\_\_\_ through our testimony.

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

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■ **How non-Christians make witnessing difficult** ■

*Matthew 7:6 “Do not give dogs what is sacred; do not throw your pearls to pigs. If you do, they may trample them under their feet, and turn and tear you to pieces.”*

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■ *Luke 9:5 If people do not welcome you, leave their town and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.”* ■

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## ■ Creating interest in spiritual things

*Matthew 11:19 The Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, 'Here is a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners.' But wisdom is proved right by her deeds."*

Prayer, engaging, and f are  
the beginning steps of witnessing.

■ *Luke 15:1 Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, "This man welcomes sinners and eats with them."*

## ■ Caring initiative

*Luke 2:46 After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. <sup>47</sup> Everyone who heard him was amazed at his understanding and his answers.*

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Relational trust is largely established by:

- Being interested in someone,
- Asking questions,
- Listening, and
- Kindness.

■ *Colossians 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful. <sup>3</sup> And pray for us, too, that God may open a door for our message, so that we may proclaim the mystery of Christ, for which I am in chains. <sup>4</sup> Pray that I may proclaim it clearly, as I should. <sup>5</sup> **Be wise in the way you act toward outsiders; make the most of every opportunity.** <sup>6</sup> **Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*** ■

## ■ Wondering questions

From Doug Pollock's book God Space.

Key:

pg. 1: assumptions; attitude; thought;

pg. 2: friendship

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