

**"OVERCOMING WALLS TO WITNESSING" (Part One)**  
**Living Hope Baptist Church**  
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1. Breaking the Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ ; or *"I'm afraid to witness."*
2. Breaking the Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ ; or *"I don't have the gift of evangelism."*
3. Breaking the Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ ; or *"First I need to get my own life in order."*
4. Breaking the Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ ; or *"I lack the desire to witness."*
5. Breaking the Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ ; or *"I don't know how to witness."*
6. Breaking the Barrier of \_\_\_\_\_ ; or *"I can't ever find the time."*

**I. Breaking the Barrier of Fear - *"I'm afraid to witness."***

1. Recognize that in struggling with fear we are not \_\_\_\_\_! (I Corinthians 2:3)
2. \_\_\_\_\_ exactly what our fears are:
  - a. Not \_\_\_\_\_ enough (John 9:25)
  - b. "Failure" (Matt. 25:24-25)
 

Successful witnessing: *"Sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit and leaving the results to God."*
  - c. \_\_\_\_\_ (John 12:42-43)
3. Understand the most common \_\_\_\_\_ of fear:
  - a. Satan (Romans 8:15)
  - b. A recognition of the \_\_\_\_\_ of the task (Matthew 25:46)

- c. Too great a focus on \_\_\_\_\_ (Philippians 2:20-21)
- 4. Understand and apply proper \_\_\_\_\_ to fear. We need to recognize:
  - a. Some fear is \_\_\_\_\_ and even helpful (2 Corinthians 3:5)
  - b. Most of our fears are \_\_\_\_\_ (Matthew 14:31)
  - c. Fear does not disqualify us or \_\_\_\_\_ us (Matthew 5:16)
  - d. God's resources to deal with fear (2 Tim. 1:7; 2 Cor. 4:7; I John 4:18; Rom. 1:16)
    - 1) \_\_\_\_\_ -- overcomes our fear of inadequacy
    - 2) \_\_\_\_\_ -- overcomes our fear of rejection
    - 3) \_\_\_\_\_ -- overcomes our fear of failure