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JANUARY 2013 People are watching! We have been told that before but we kind of have our own idea of how they “might be watching.”

I am referring to the importance of how we live out our faith on a daily basis in public view. But recently I found out how important that is and an unlikely way someone was watching.

I was having trouble with my internet service. This is not an unusual situation for many of us. So I called the office and was informed that a technician would call me soon. No one called that day so I repeated my call to the office. I was again informed that a technician would call me. This went on for several days. I was getting upset and frustrated. After all, we were disconnected from the world!

Then he called! And he spoke good English too. He was very polite and professional. At first I wanted to inform him of all the frustrations I had with the poor service but I never did. After our short talk to diagnose the problem he asked, “Is this Pastor Wilbur?”

I was surprised by this question. There are over a million people in Panama City area and he is addressing me by name. I answered, “Yes, it is.”

“I listen to you on the radio in the mornings. I really like your programs.”

Wow, what a surprise. He had seen my name on the report form and then had recognized my voice. We had a nice little chat after that with a few “God bless you” farewells and then hung up.

I thought... “What if I had spoken harshly to him or was rude?” I could have ruined my testimony with this man I had never met. Instead, it turned out as a real encouragement to both of us.

A few weeks later I was paying my bill at a car garage. I had gotten my car inspected in record time and was happily on my way. I thanked the lady and then greeted the lady waiting behind me with a “God bless you.”

A few minutes later she came over to my car and asked “Do you have a radio program in the morning? That voice, I know that voice.” We began to talk and she shared some of her problems at that time. We got to pray right there in the garage parking area. Then we each went our own way.

Once again I thought... so many times we get irritated with delays at the car garage. I am so glad I did a simple thing like greet the other lady which left a positive witness for Christ.

I encourage you this new year. Look for ways to be a positive witness for Christ and ask Him to help you in your daily walk to live for Jesus. You never know who is watching....or listening.

Gifts can be sent to: Mrs. Syd Corbett; 231 SE 45<sup>th</sup> Terrace; Ocala, FI 34471 Thank you so much! Bill