AN EFFECTIVE WITNESS
1 Thess. 1:5

1 Th 1:5 Gospel: Good news. Jesus died for our sins, was buried, and rose again from dead.
Person can repent of sin and place his faith and trust in Jesus Christ for eternal life and be saved, born-again.

In Word only: By spoken word only
Gospel of Jesus Christ wasn’t presented to you only by words.

Much more involved

Effective witness:
1. Presentation
   Must tell
   No communication of Gospel until words spoken.

2. Power
   Spiritual force, spiritual dynamite
   • Demolish idol-gods
   • Turn derelict into shining trophy of God’s grace
   • Turn heart full of hatred into a heart full of love
   • Release drug addict
   • Give person bound by immorality pure heart
   • Change murderer into compassionate person

3. Holy Spirit
   Power and Spirit Rom 1:4 1 Cor 2:4 Acts 1:8; Lk 1:17,35; 4:14; Acts 10:38
   • Missions-oriented
   • Takes spoken word and impregnates heart
   • Takes off spiritual blindfold
   • Impresses on heart that a sinner and condemned to Hell
   • Impresses on heart need for Jesus Christ John 16:8

4. Settled conviction
   Assurance: Entire confidence. Internal conviction…settled and fervent and burning conviction of the truth and power of the Gospel.
   Hendrichson ...an immediate effect of the Spirit’s presence and power in the hearts of the ambassadors.”

5. Godly life message.
   Consistent testimony. A good and godly example
   You know how our lives were further proof to you of truth of message
   Mat 5:16 Christianity is meant to be seen 2 Th 3:9; 1 Tim 4:12; Titus 2:7