



## Becoming an Expert Witness in the Appeal Trial; Testimony of the Expert Witness: Evidence Testing: 2 Arguments; Escrow Blessings: Nike Awards

13. This advance requires a disciplined Spiritual Life that becomes proficient in the use of the three spiritual skills so that maximum time is spent under the filling of the Holy Spirit.
14. This maximizes the production of divine good and minimizes the production of sin, human viewpoint, human good, and evil in the life of the believer.
15. This advance takes time because spiritual growth takes time. Years must be spent in Bible class learning the strategies and tactics of the grace plan of God so that victories can be won in the Invisible War.
16. Along the way, advances in this plan become a witness for the Prosecution in the Appeal Trial of Lucifer.
17. Maximum advance results in invisible historical impact as the believer joins the Pivot of mature believers and contributes to sustaining his client nation in history.
18. The believer whose Spiritual Life is taken to the limit wins a tactical victory in the angelic conflict which complements our Lord's strategic victory on the cross.
19. In addition, such a believer is qualified to become an expert witness for the Prosecution in the Appeal Trial:

**Black, Henry Campbell. *Black's Law Dictionary*. Rev. 4 th ed. (St. Paul: West Publishing Co., 1968), 688:**

**EXPERT WITNESS.** One who has skilled experience or extensive knowledge in his calling. One possessing, with reference to a particular subject, knowledge not acquired by ordinary persons; one skilled in any particular profession, being possessed of a peculiar knowledge concerning the same, and one who has given the subject in question particular study, practice, or observation.

20. During Human Life, the believer's Spiritual Life is placed under maximum testing when, after advancing to spiritual maturity, he is called by the Lord to testify in the Appeal Trial.
21. This is called Evidence Testing and it is administered selectively to some mature believers in one of two categories: (1) one's relationship with God or (2) one's relationship with life.
22. These constitute the two major arguments Lucifer brings before the court in his defense and for which the Lord calls witnesses forward to testify.
23. In the accusation regarding man's relationship with God, evidence testing is summarized by:

**Thieme, R. B., Jr. *Christian Suffering*. 2d ed. (Houston: R. B. Thieme, Jr., Bible Ministries, 1997), 142:**

First, Satan argues that men, like angels, will not be able to handle suffering, especially if they consider the suffering unjust. The only reason anyone remains faithful to God, Satan charges, is because God blesses him. This was the argument in the book of Job. Job, however, discredited Satan's theory and was entered as evidence in God's case against Satan. Despite a period of failure, Job remained faithful to God not because God was blessing him but because of the doctrine he had learned and eventually applied.



As a mature believer, Job possessed the resources to take extreme suffering in stride and to identify his circumstances as suffering for blessing rather than punitive suffering.

24. In the accusation regarding man's relationship with life, evidence testing is summarized by:

**Thieme, *Christian Suffering*, 143:**

Satan's second principle argument is that no one will remain faithful to God if offered sufficient wealth or power. In other words, everyone has his price. This argument is a direct defense of Satan's own fall from his office of anointed cherub, the highest ranking status among angelic creatures. The issue: Will creature lust for power, fame, wealth, or any other attainment be more powerful than the plan of the creator? Will man choose self-aggrandizement independent of God, or will he execute God's plan and allow God to promote him? This is the evidence test Satan leveled against the humanity of Christ during the Incarnation in Matthew 4:1-11.

25. In addition to the privilege of offering testimony on behalf of the Prosecution, the mature believer acquires the conveyance of escrow blessings in time which will be converted to escrow blessings in eternity.
26. Consequently, when the believer dies he is provided an interim body that will be sustained by Eternal Life until the moment of the rapture.
27. Once the rapture occurs every believer will receive his resurrection body, but the mature believer will have his decorated with the investitures, appurtenances, and accouterments which describe the Nike Awards, one's escrow blessings in eternity.
28. In the eternal state the winner believer will possess Eternal Life in a resurrection body just like all other believers of the Church Age.
29. But for the winner believer his resurrection body will be decorated with certain accouterments, he will be invested with authority, and possess certain appurtenances.
30. The thirteen paragraphs of the Nike Awards may be categorized in six categories:
1. **Clothing:** The crown of life and the uniform of glory.
  2. **Insignia of Office:** The most noble order of the Morning Star and the grant of a coat of arms.
  3. **Office:** Rulership over a nation in the millennial kingdom.
  4. **Rank:** A new name of aristocracy.
  5. **Privilege:** Access to the tree of life; presentation at court; and sitting with Christ on His throne.
  6. **Honor:** Membership in the Paradise Club; inscription of his new title into the Book of Life; his achievements sculpted on a stela in the Temple; and entrée into the new Jerusalem.
31. These awards will become operational during three different periods:
1. **At the Evaluation Tribunal of Christ:** Eight become operational immediately.
    - a. The crown of life.
    - b. The new name of aristocracy.
    - c. The most noble order of the Morning Star.
    - d. The uniform of glory.
    - e. His new title written into the Book of Life.
    - f. Presentation at court.
    - g. Achievements sculpted on a stela in the Temple.

