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The court is unlike its portrayal in television, movies, radio and books. Few persons have the opportunity to observe actual court hearings. The percentage of those persons who have had some experience with the actual court system is minute. Generally, individuals who are called upon to act as witnesses are perplexed and at times frightened with the realization that they will have to come to court to testify in some kind of case. This fear is probably due to the inaccurate picture obtained from sources other than from an actual court experience.

There is no need to be frightened at having to come to court to act as a witness. It can be a pleasant experience, and it may be doing a good turn in helping to promote justice. The testimony of a witness may be the difference between a particular party winning or losing a lawsuit because it may be the deciding factor in proving an essential element of a case.

A witness may look to the experience of having to testify as a duty of being a good citizen or because he possesses special technical knowledge and experience. He may also look at it on the basis that some day he may be in the same position where he will need a witness and hope that someone will come to his assistance. It is good to remember that the courts are his protection and without them, his rights cannot be protected.