Stephen Was....



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Stephen Was.....



Stephen was:
1) A Consistent Christian

He was "known to be".....

Brothers, choose seven men from among you who are known to be full of the Spirit and wisdom.

(Acts 6:3)

He was full of Faith and the Holy Spirit.

They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit... (Acts 6:5)

Stephen was: 1) A Consistent Christian

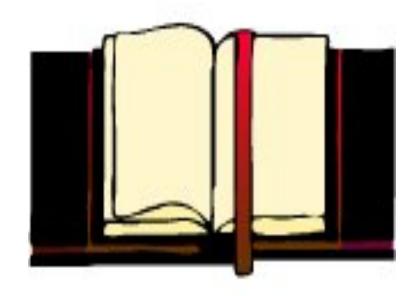
He was knowledgeable about the Scriptures quoting it in Acts Chapter 7. "Unless you know the Word of God, You cannot know the God of the Word"

There was honesty about his witness and his life.

They chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Spirit... (Acts 6:5)

Stephen was: 1) A Consistent Christian

He was consistent in prosperity and in adversity



It was evident that he was filled with the Holy Spirit.

All who were sitting in the Sanhedrin looked intently at Stephen, and they saw that his face was like the face of an angel.

(Acts 6:15)

Someone once said, "Even if Holy Spirit were to be taken away from the world, 90% of the ministries would go on without much difficulty"



'The world is yet to know what God can do with one person who is totally devoted to God'.

"Lord! Let me be that man." D.L. Moody



God can use anybody and everybody, even a rusted iron can be used by God, but the only condition is that it should be in God's hand.



Stephen was: 3) A Common Sense Christian

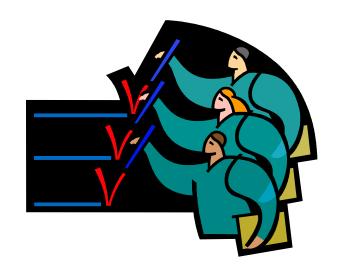
He exhibited no "holier than thou" attitude, but rather a healthy balance between doctrine & duty, belief & behavior.



Stephen was:

3) A Common Sense Christian

Striving for excellence in small assignments prepares one for greater responsibilities!



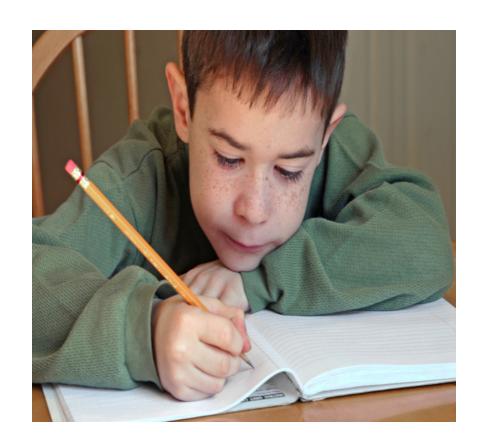
Stephen was: 3) A Common Sense Christian

Effective manager & messenger before becoming a Martyr



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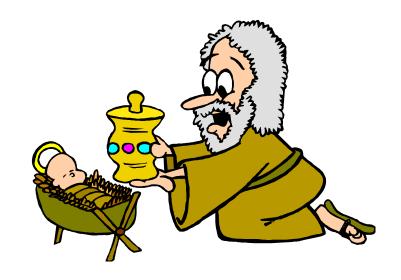
'God does not do extra-ordinary things thru' extra-ordinary people, **but He does** extra-ordinary things thru' ordinary people'



Stephen was: 3) A Common Sense Christian

MANY TIMES:

Common Sense isn't very Common



"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!



Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. ...



 And now you have betrayed and murdered him you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it." ...



 When they heard this, they were furious and gnashed their teeth at him.



 But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God.



"Look," he said,
"I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God."



 At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, dragged him out of the city and began to stone him.



Meanwhile,
the witnesses
laid their clothes
at the feet
of a young man
named Saul.



While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."



Then he fell on his knees and cried out, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he fell asleep. (Acts 7:51-60)



 He was bold in his speech and approach



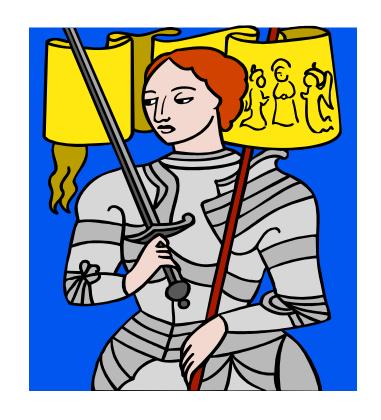
If your faith is not worth dying for, it is not worth living for!



 'Every man dies, but not everyone really lives'



He was not only filled with the Holy Spirit but he was also filled with the Spirit of Martyrdom



It is not how long we live, but how we live!!



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