



Sermon Notes

1Peter 3:13-17 "Witness Stand"

Our calling isn't to be judge, jury or jailer but to be witnesses for Christ (Act1:8). For the Christian, all of life is a witness stand giving testimony of the Beauty and Glory of the person and Work of Christ Jesus (Act4:20).

The PURPOSE to Share your Faith:

V15b always being prepared to make a defense... 5G's
The Five Great Commissions of Christ: Matt28:19-20; Mark16:15;
Luke 24:47; Acts1:8. **Getting Started:** Be Aware, Commit to Prayer,
Show you Care, Be ready to Share!

The POWER to Share your Faith:

V15a But in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy...
(NAS) "Sanctify (Hollowed) Christ as Lord in your Hearts..."
You hallow the name of God when you trust him (Num20:12; 1John5:10),
revere him (Isa8:12-13), obey him (Lev22:31-32), & glorify him (Lev10:3).

In your core commitments (Heart) let the Greatness & Goodness of God be your greatest Wowwww & Mmmmm in life. Matt6:21

Sharing our faith begins with a kind of explosion of joy in our heart, over the sacrificial love of Christ for us, that grows throughout our life and can't be suppressed.

The PLAN to Share your Faith:

- Be zealous for what is good v13 (Gal6:7-9)
- Have no fear of them, nor be troubled v14
- Be full of hope v15c a reason for the hope that is within you...
- Do it with gentleness & respect v15d (1Cor8:1)
- Having a good conscience v16

Evidence that you REALLY know God is that you REALLY want to make Him known!

Growing Notes

For Christians, our calling isn't to be judge, jury or jailer but to be witnesses for Christ (Act1:8). Do you agree or disagree? And what are your thoughts? What does it mean to be a witness for Christ (Acts4:20)? What typically undermines the testimony of a witness in a court of law & how does that relate to being a witness for Christ?

2) Read 1Peter 3:13-17. What stands out to you from this text? How important is sharing our faith as a Christian? What do the Five Great Commissions of our Savior tell us about the importance of personal evangelism (Matt28:19-20; Mark16:15; Luke 24:47; Acts1:8)? Review the four statements to get started sharing your faith. What are some names of people you have been praying for or could begin to pray for?

3) What do you struggle with most in sharing your faith? Where does the power to share your faith come from (v15a)? What do these verses teach us about "honoring Christ the Lord as holy" (Numbers 20:12; 1John5:10; Isa8:12-13; Lev22:31-32; Lev10:3)? What does it mean that in your core commitments let the Greatness & Goodness of God be your greatest Wow & Mmm in life?

4) The Plan to share our faith begins with a kind of explosion of joy in our heart, over the sacrificial love of Christ for us, that can't be suppressed. Explain. Review the Five points under The Plan for Sharing your Faith. Which one(s) are most helpful to you? Evidence that you really know God is that you really want to make Him known! Explain. What are some next steps that you can begin to take to share your faith? Pray that db becomes more effective in making fully devoted followers of Christ.