

BE PREPARED TO SHARE YOUR HOPE!

1 Peter 3:13-17

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BIG IDEA: When your heart is set apart for Jesus, you can defend the gospel and share your hope through respectful words and good deeds.

1 Peter 3:13-17 ¹³ Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, ¹⁵ but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

Prepare to share by setting apart your heart for Jesus. (15)

Prepare to share by defending your hope with respect. (15) Proverbs 11:30, "He who wins souls is wise."

"All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." Rom. 3:23

"The wages of sin is death..." Rom. 6:23

"Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved." Rom. 10:13 Life on Mission: 3 Circles App

Share Your Story: My life before Christ; How I came to trust in Christ; How my life has changed

Prepare to share by letting your good deeds speak loudly. (16-17)

The greatest hindrance to nonbelievers becoming believers is that the average Christian's lifestyle does not match biblical Christianity. We don't walk the talk. What we say we believe isn't what they see in us.

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For next Sunday read: 1 Peter 3:18-22 "Does Baptism Save You?"



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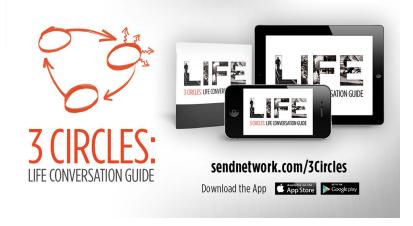
When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus.

Acts 4:13



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