

The Book of 1 Peter

Always Being Ready

1 Peter 3:13-17

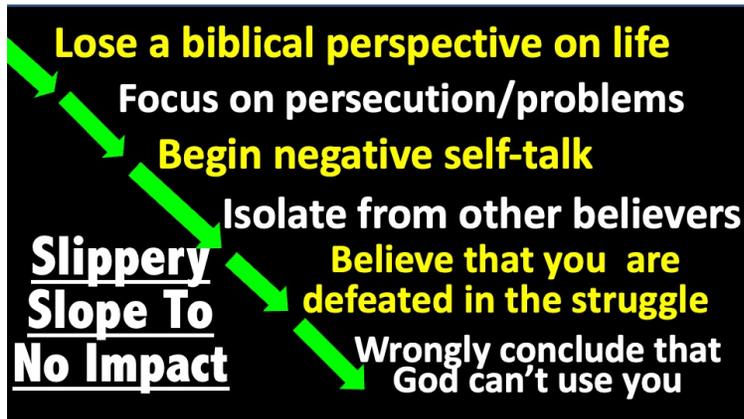
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Bottom Line:

Living the Christian life has incredible joy and purpose but there are those who hate the message of Jesus. Regardless, we are to be always ready to share the Gospel in a godly way with gentleness and respect.

1. Remember that in even doing good, there is the possibility of being criticized and attacked.

1 Peter 3:13-14a; Titus 2:7



2. Anchor your life in Jesus as Savior AND LORD!

1 Peter 3:14b-15

A.W. Tozer rightly observed:

“We fear men so much because we fear God so little.”

3. Effective witnessing is more than just a good life, but also backed up by a “ready” defense!!

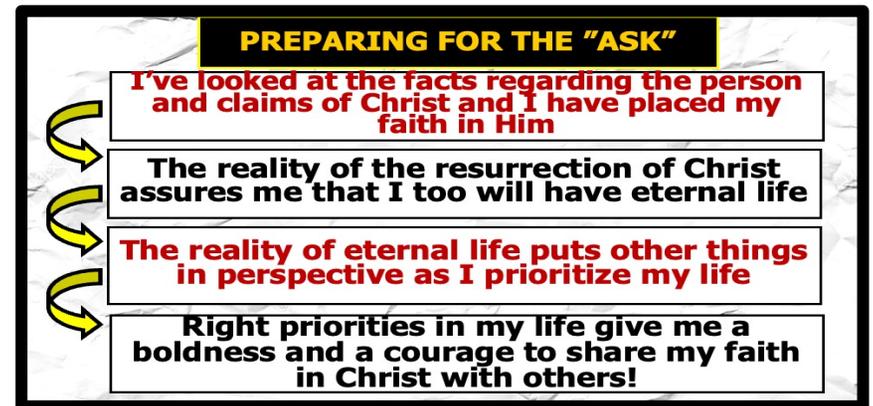
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The word “**defense**” is ἀπολογία (apologian) — from which we get “apologetics = a thoughtful, reasoned explanation, not a heated argument.

Let Your Manner Match Your Message

Peter insists this defense be given with:

- *πραΰτητος (praÿtētos) — gentleness, strength under control.*
- *φόβου (phobou) — reverent humility before God.*



Resources to grow with:

www.carm.org – apologetics website with information about theology and false teachings

www.AnswersInGenesis.org – information regarding Creation and origins.

“Stand To Reason” – www.str.org – general info
“Is Atheism Dead” – book by Eric Metaxas