

Always Be Prepared

1 Peter 3:13-17

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1 Peter 3:13-14 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,

1. Be prepared to _____ for doing what is _____.

1 Peter 3:15 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,

2. Be prepared to _____ about your _____.

1 Peter 3:16-17 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.

3. Be prepared to do _____.

Additional Verses:

1 Peter 2:20-23, Matthew 10:22, John 15:18-20, Psalm 119:46, Galatians 6:9

Quotes:

“Discipleship means allegiance to the suffering Christ, and it is therefore not at all surprising that Christians should be called upon to suffer. In fact it is a joy and a token of his grace.” — Dietrich Bonhoeffer

“The apologist is giving a defense not of himself, but of the One in whom he believes.” — Voddie Baucham

“Evangelism isn’t seeing someone saved. Evangelism is faithfully delivering the message of Jesus in love.” — Mark Driscoll

“When wealth is lost, nothing is lost; when health is lost, something is lost; when character is lost, all is lost.” — Billy Graham

Discussion Questions

1. Have you ever suffered for righteousness' sake? Tell about that experience.
2. Tell about a time that you gave a defense for the hope that you have. What was the outcome?
3. What hinders you from defending your faith?
4. How can you be more prepared for the things God is calling you to?
5. What is something you placed your hope in that let you down? How has hope in Jesus been different?