

MARCH 26, 2023

LIVING STONES

LIVING AN APOLOGETIC LIFE

1 PETER 3:13-17

How to live a life which defends our faith:

1) Be relentless in doing good.

Galatians 6:9 ... "*And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*"

2) Be fearless to engage ideas.

3) Be faithful to Jesus.

4) Be prepared to give an *answer*.

a) Pray for those who don't know Jesus.

b) Learn how to share you testimony.

c) Learn how to share the Gospel message.

d) Prepare for your specific context.

5) Be controlled and kind.

6) Be diligent in integrity.

Prepare to Give a Defense

- 1) Write out your testimony. (Helpful worksheet: https://www.cslewisinstitute.org/wp-content/uploads/Share_Your_Testimony.pdf)
- 2) Study a method of how to share the gospel. (Verses for Romans road 3:23, 6:23, 10:9-10)
- 3) Find a friend or family member who is willing to help you prepare to defend your faith.
- 4) Share your testimony and the gospel with your friend and pray with them.

Memory Verse for March

"Who is like you, O Lord, among the gods? Who is like you, majestic in holiness, awesome in glorious deeds, doing wonders? You stretched out your right hand; the earth swallowed them. "You have led in your steadfast love the people whom you have redeemed; you have guided them by your strength to your holy abode."

Exodus 15:11-13

From the Resources

"It has become clearer to me than ever before that the reason we aren't more free and natural in testifying to our neighbors and associates about the reality of our hope in Christ is that we don't feel very hopeful. And if our hearts are not full of hope in the promises of Christ, then here is what happens when an occasion arrives to make a case for our hope: we sense it as a duty to defend doctrine instead of a delight to tell somebody why we are so hopeful."

- John Piper, Oct. 19, 1980

Make a Case for your Hope