

Witness with integrity, respect, and truth 1 Pet. 3:13-17

1. Don't Fear:
 - a. Blessed if suffer for righteousness
2. Christ Preeminent in your Heart
 - a. = integrity – which causes others to inquire about Christ.
 - b. How has Jesus changed your life? The lost ought to expect to see a transforming. If Jesus' promise to give life and life abundant is true, there must be evidence!
 - c. How could one purport the Gospel if he is not demonstrating it?
3. Be Ready
 - a. Know what you believe
 - b. Bible study including sermons
 - c. YouTube videos and apologetic websites.
4. Defend Gospel
 - a. To each one who inquires
 - b. Persuade: Acts 1:3; 17:2-4; 18:4; 19:8; 21:14; 26:26-29; 28:23-24; Ro. 4:20-21; 2 Cor. 5:11*; Gal. 1:10.
5. With Respect
 - a. Was Paul always respectful?
 - b. To whom was Paul referring in this verse? Those who are inquiring!
 - c. If one is inquiring, then she is earnest or at least cordial. Therefore to use sarcasm e.g. would be inappropriate. Is sarcasm ever appropriate?
6. Sarcasm and Satire
 - a. Both are found in Scripture and demonstrated by God, His prophets, His disciples, and Jesus.
 - b. Jer. 7:21
 - c. 1 Kings 18:27
 - d. Gal. 5:12 = dripping sarcasm
 - e. 1 Cor. 4:8-13
 - f. Mat. 7:5; 12:1-3; 23:4ff.!
 - g. Jn. 10:31-32
7. Harsh Warnings
 - a. Condemnatory remarks are from compassion and w/ intent to warn them and/or others in the hearing.
 - b. Gal. 1:6-10. Paul writes this to a church
 - c. Gal. 2:11-14; 5:12
 - d. Mat. 18:6 cf. Mk. 9:42; Lk. 17:2
 - e. Prov. 26:4-5
 - i. V. 4 don't undermine yourself by being likeminded
 - ii. V. 5 don't let him deceive himself or others.