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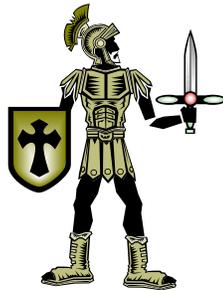
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THE PRINCIPLES OF FIRST PETER 3:15



"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord."

- 1. Be sure you have submitted your life to Jesus as Lord
- 2. Expect that God will work through you
- 3. Put on your spiritual armor (Ephesians 6:10-18)



- 4. Prepare yourself spiritually
- 5. Be patient
- 6. Check your motivations

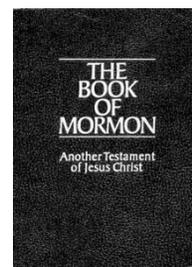


"Always be prepared"

- 1. Develop a good knowledge of the Bible
- 2. Know how to use specific passages from the Scriptures
 - a. Know how to defend the historical resurrection of Christ



- 3. Be able to defend the authority of the Bible as the revealed word of God
- 4. Be ready to help people understand true Christianity instead of their misconceptions
- 5. Have some understanding of the teaching of a particular religion or cult



"To give an answer"

- 1. Don't allow yourself to get sidetracked into minor issues
- 2. Never let a cultist quote the Bible out of context



- 3. Rely on the conviction of the Holy Spirit (we cannot convict people)
- 4. Clearly distinguish between salvation by works and salvation by grace through faith (Ephesians 2:8,9)

- 5. Read clear passages and let the Bible speak for itself
 - a. Don't let a cultist say that Christianity is essentially the same as his beliefs
- 6. Emphasize that experience alone can be quite misleading (truth is not determined by one's experiences)
- 7. Use Christian literature effectively

"To everyone who asks you"

- 1. Pray for opportunities
- 2. Ask good questions and listen carefully



"To give the reason for the hope that you have."

- 1. Use your own testimony to illustrate the power of Christ
- 2. The hope that is in you should be evident in your concern

"But do this with gentleness and respect."

- 1. Be loving and patient (do not quarrel)
- 2. Treat the other person with respect

- 3. Look for areas of common ground
- 4. Try to witness on a one-to-one basis (people are more open)

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