ALWAYS BE PREPARED
Faith Bible College
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"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)

THE PRINCIPLES OF FIRST PETER 3:15

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
5. Emphasize that experience alone can be quite misleading (truth is not determined by one's experiences)
6. Use Christian literature effectively

"To everyone who asks you"

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

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

"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)