

ALWAYS BE PREPARED

Point : 1

Set apart Christ as Lord.

1 Peter 3:15a (NIV)

(1 Pet 3:15a NIV) But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord.

Phil 2:10-11 (NIV)

that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Isaiah 45:22-23 (NIV)

"Turn to me and be saved, all you ends of the earth; for I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, my mouth has uttered in all integrity a word that will not be revoked: Before me every knee will bow; by me every tongue will swear.

Point : 2

Always be prepared .

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

1 Th 4:13 (NIV)

Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope.

1 Cor 15:3-4 (NIV)

(1 Cor 15:3-4 NIV) For what I received I passed on to you as of first importance : that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures,

2 Tim 4:2-4 (NIV)

Preach the Word; be prepared in season and out of season; correct, rebuke and encourage--with great patience and careful instruction. For the time will come when men will not put up with sound doctrine. Instead, to suit their own desires, they will gather around them a great number of teachers to say what their itching ears want to hear. They will turn their ears away from the truth and turn aside to myths.

Point : 3

Do this with **gentleness and respect** .

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,

2 Tim 2:25 (NIV)

Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth,

Eph 4:14 (NIV)

Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into him who is the Head, that is, Christ.

Love is...

- patient
- kind

Love does not...

- envy,
- boast,

Love is not...

- proud.
- rude,
- self-seeking,
- easily angered,

Love...

- keeps no record of wrongs.
- does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth.

Love always

- protects,
- trusts,
- hopes,
- perseveres.

Conclusion