

KINGDOM ON MISSION:

Living Sent, Not Settled

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**MAIN TEXT: 1 PETER 3:15
BIG IDEA**

The Gospel is most effective when it is shared with humility, authenticity, wisdom, and love.

SHARE HOPE, NOT PRESSURE.

MEMORY VERSE:

*Then Jesus came to them and said,
"All authority in heaven and on earth has
been given to me. Therefore go and make
disciples of all nations, baptizing them in
the name of the Father and of the Son
and of the Holy Spirit."*

Matthew 28:18 19 (NIV)

HOW TO SHARE YOUR FAITH WITHOUT GETTING
ON PEOPLE'S NERVES

"But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened. But in your hearts revere 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 Peter 3:14–15 (NIV)**

1. PREPARE YOUR _____ BEFORE YOU PREPARE YOUR SPEECH

"But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord..."

1 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

To revere Christ as Lord means giving Jesus the highest _____ in our decisions, relationships, ambitions, and responses.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, "Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch. Simon answered, Master, we've worked hard all night and haven't caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets. When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink." **Luke 5:4–7 (NIV)**

A Prepared Heart is:

- A _____ heart
- A _____ heart

Love is not bait for evangelism. Love is the evidence that the Gospel has _____ us.

- A _____ heart

When Jesus is Lord of the heart, we can obey without controlling the _____.

2. SHARE _____ WITH GENTLENESS AND RESPECT

"... 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 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

- _____ before you speak

Good questions open doors:

- "What has your spiritual journey been like?"
- "When life gets heavy, where do you turn for hope?"
- "Did you grow up around faith, or is this new territory for you?"
- "Would it be okay if I shared what helped me?"
- "How can I pray for you?"

- **Share your _____, not a performance**

A simple testimony can follow three parts:

- My life before I trusted Christ
- How I came to trust Christ
- The difference Jesus is making now.

A testimony is not a trophy case for our goodness; it is a window into God's

_____.

- **Share the _____ clearly**

You can explain it with four simple truths:

- God created us for a relationship with Him and loves us.
- Our sin separates us from God, and we cannot repair that separation by our own goodness.
- Jesus Christ, the Son of God, died for our sins and rose again, defeating sin and death.
- God offers forgiveness and new life to everyone who turns to Christ in repentance and faith.

That is the message. We do not save ourselves. We do not earn grace. We receive what Jesus accomplished.

- **Let _____ govern the tone**

Peter adds, “with meekness and fear”—or gentleness and respect. Gentleness is not cowardice. It is strength under control. Jesus described Himself as gentle and lowly in heart, yet no one was more courageous.

- You can win an argument and lose the person.
 - You can make a strong point in a way that closes a heart.
 - ***Sarcasm may get applause online***, but it rarely helps someone take a step toward Jesus.
 - When someone disagrees, you do not have to panic. Say, "Thank you for being honest."
 - When you do not know an answer, say, "That is a good question. I do not know, but I would be glad to learn and continue the conversation."
 - Humility does not weaken our witness; pretending to know everything does.
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- **Know when to _____**

3. LET YOUR LIFE MAKE YOUR WITNESS

"Keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

1 Peter 3:16 (NIV)

Our words matter, but our _____ either support or sabotage our words.

- **Practice** _____
- **Practice** _____
- **Practice** _____

A Simple Pattern: B.L.E.S.S.

If you need a practical way to remember how to live on mission, use the word BLESS:

B — Begin with prayer. Ask God to show you whom He is already drawing.

L — Listen. Hear the person's story, questions, joys, and pain.

E — Eat together. Share ordinary life—a meal, coffee, or conversation.

S — Serve. Respond to a real need with practical love.

S — Share your story. When the door opens, speak naturally about Jesus.

SHARE HOPE, NOT _____.

MY NEXT STEP TODAY IS:

- ✓ I will memorize **Matthew 28:18-19 (NIV)**
- ✓ I will accept Christ for the first time
- ✓ I will join the New Life church family
- ✓ I will sign up for the next baptism

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