



How to Respond to Skeptics

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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 3:15 (NIV2011)**

Instructions for Sharing Your Faith

1. Watch your _____

The whole point of what we're urging is simply *love*—love uncontaminated by self-interest and counterfeit faith, a life open to God. **1 Timothy 1:5 (MSG)**

But do this with gentleness and respect, **1 Peter 3:15b (NIV2011)**

“So he returned home to his father. And while he was still a long way off, his father saw him coming. Filled with love and compassion, he ran to his son, embraced him, and kissed him. **Luke 15:20 (NLT)**

• The goal of your instruction is _____

Be humble when you are trying to teach those who are mixed up concerning the truth. For if you talk meekly and courteously to them, they are more likely, with God’s help, to turn away from their wrong ideas and believe what is true. **2 Timothy 2:25 (TLB)**

2. Share the _____, not clever _____

For I am not ashamed of the Good News, since it is God’s powerful means of bringing salvation to everyone who keeps on trusting, to the Jew especially, but equally to the Gentile. **Romans 1:16 (CJB)**

• This is a _____ battle

For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. **Ephesians 6:12 (NRSV)**

3. Be _____

Humility towards one another must be the garment you all wear constantly, because *God opposes the proud but accords his favour to the humble.* **1 Peter 5:5 (NJB)**

• You don’t have to have all the _____

4. _____ for them

[God] desires for everyone to be saved and know the truth. **1 Timothy 2:4 (The Voice)**

Brothers, my heart’s desire and prayer to God for them is that they may be saved. **Romans 10:1 (ESV)**

• You might be the _____ to your own prayer

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Memorize and/or meditate on 1 Timothy 3:15
- Be ready, with gentleness and respect, to share about the hope I have in Jesus
- Pray faithfully for _____ to know Jesus
- Believe, asking Jesus to be my Savior and Lord.