PREPARATION II

defending your faith without losing your mind

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getting ready obedient and deliberate

Luke 12:47 (NIV) "The servant who knows the master's will and does not get ready or does not do what the master wants will be beaten with many blows."

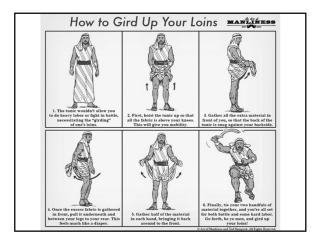
know His will

get ready

do His will

gird up your loins preparing our minds for actions

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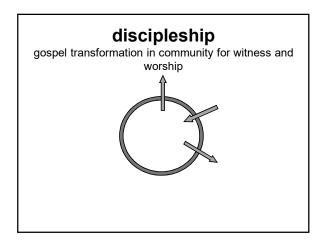


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(ESV) Therefore, <u>preparing your minds for action</u>, and being soberminded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.

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What to say when there's little time and even less interest

1 Peter 3:13-15

¹³ Who is going to harm you if you are <u>eager to do</u> <u>good</u>? ¹⁴ But even if you should <u>suffer</u> for what is right, you are blessed. "<u>Do not fear</u> their threats; <u>do not be frightened</u>."

¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be <u>prepared</u> to give an <u>answer</u> to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the <u>hope</u> that <u>you</u> have. Why have you chosen to follow Jesus? And still follow Him?

Peter's defense? resurrection

^{1Peter1:3} Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a <u>living hope</u> through the <u>resurrection</u> of Jesus Christ from the dead,

²¹ Through him you believe in God, who <u>raised</u> <u>him from the dead</u> and glorified him, and so your <u>faith and hope</u> are in God.

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But do this with <u>gentleness</u> and <u>respect</u>,¹⁶ keeping a <u>clear conscience</u>, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. Why have you chosen to follow Jesus? // resurrection //

^{1cor15:14} And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith.

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conclusion

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