

Seed Sowing and House Building

Applying principles of personal witness as taught by Jesus and practiced by Paul.

- Evangelism** is like seed sowing. (Mark 4:1-20; 26-29; 1 Corinthians 3:6-8)
 - ✓ In conversation, we “sow and water”.
- Apologetics** is like house building. (Matthew 7:24-29; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Peter 3:15)
 - ✓ In conversation, we “explain and expose”.

Apologetics Practice

1. **Explain** how Scripture answers the skeptics question with supreme authority.
(Genesis 1-3; 1 Corinthians 15:1-11; Matthew 7:24-29; 28:18-20; Colossians 1:15-2:3)

2. **Expose** the skeptics false authority by hearing how they attempt to answer the same question. (John 17:17; Acts 17:22-31; 26:1-29; Matthew 22:37-40)

Apologetics Attitude

2 Timothy 2:24-26

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Apologetics Defined

Apologetic: a holy, hopeful, and reasoned defense of Christ's gospel and Lordship.
(1 Peter 3:13-16)

Dispelling the Myth of Neutrality

- There is no neutrality in the Kingdom of Christ.
(Matthew 12:30; Luke 11:23; Ephesians 2:1-5; James 4:4; 1 John 1:5-7)

A Biblical Exhortation

- **There is no office of "apologist"!** All Christians are commanded to give an answer for the hope that is in us. (Ephesians 4:11-12; 1 Timothy 3:1-13)

A Practical Encouragement

- **Peter was a fisherman not a philosopher!** He was credible and qualified simply because he had been with Jesus and heard His words. (Matthew 4:18; Acts 4:13; John 17:8)

The Apologetics Passage

... **but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy**, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect ...

1 Peter 3:15, ESV

Presuppositions: foundational beliefs held beforehand that inform all other beliefs.

Two Telling Presuppositions

1. **Everyone knows God and all are without excuse for denying Him.**
(Romans 1:18-21; Psalm 14:1-3)
 - God does not condemn people for what they don't know, but for sin against God they do know.
2. **All arguments begin with truth, which only comes from God.**
(John 17:17; Romans 11:36)
 - All arguments against God expose that unbelievers hate God and must suppress the truth in unrighteousness.