



Living Differently in a Difficult World

7 Pictures of a Christian Witness

I. A PICTURE OF _____

Now, who will want to harm you if you are eager to do good?
1 Peter 3:13

*Peter makes it clear, doing good helps---
but it's not a safety net from being persecution*

But even if you suffer for doing what is right ...
1 Peter 3:14a

Remember, it is better to suffer for doing good, if that is what
God wants, than to suffer for doing wrong! 1 Peter 3:17

Jesus taught this very concept to his disciples.

In the same way, let your good deeds shine out for all to see, so
that everyone will praise your heavenly Father.
Matthew 5:16

II. PICTURE OF _____

But even if you suffer for doing what is right,
God will reward you for it. So don't be afraid and don't worry.
1 Peter 3:14

III A PICTURE OF _____

Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life.

1 Peter 3:15a

Do not fear anything except the LORD Almighty. He alone is the Holy One. If you fear him, you need fear nothing else. Isaiah 8:13

IV. A PICTURE OF _____

And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.

1 Peter 3:15b

4 Keys to 1 Peter 3:15

- a. always be ready.....**
- b. explain it**
- c. asked**

If your interested in scientific objections to faith then read Phillip Johnson's "Darwin on trial"

Books for philosophical objections to faith:
Ravi Zacharias, "Can Man Live without God?"

Answers to frequently asked questions about Christianity:
Josh McDowell's, "A Ready Defense"

Personal testimonies:
Chuck Colson: "Born Again"
Kelly Monroe- "Finding God at Harvard"

Ideas for sharing your Faith:
Bill Hybels and Mark Mittelberg,
"How to Become a Contagious Christian"

- d. your Christian hope**

V. A PICTURE OF _____

But you must do this in a gentle and respectful way. 1 Peter 3:15c

VI. A PICTURE OF _____

Keep your conscience clear. Then if people speak evil against you, they will be ashamed when they see what a good life you live because you belong to Christ. 1Peter 3:16

2 Rules Of Thumb To Maintain A Good Conscience In Our Own Lives:

1. One we must be a people who are willing to deal with our own sins and confess them immediately.
2. A strong conscience is the result of knowledge and obedience to the word of God, the Bible.

VII. A PICTURE OF _____

Christ also suffered when he died for our sins once for all time. He never sinned, but he died for sinners that he might bring us safely home to God. He suffered physical death, but he was raised to life in the Spirit.

1 Peter 3:18