

# Sermon Notes

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## Living Right & Being a Ready Witness

1 Peter 3:13-15

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**Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030**

3:13 **Be zealous for what is good.**

3:14a **If you suffer for doing what God says is right, you are blessed.**

3:14b **Do not fear their fear, and do not be troubled.**

Do not respect, and therefore live like, the culture.

Respect the Lord, by living His ways...

regardless of the response of non-Christians.

3:15a **Regard the Lord Christ as holy.**

He is my Lord/Master. He is the most special one to me.

3:15b **Be ready always to be a witness.**

Some people will get interested because of the way you live.

Be ready to speak, to testify about Christ.

Are you willing?

### What are we supposed to do?

Testify as a witness.

Tell them about “the hope in you”, Christ, and eternal life through faith in Christ.

How are we supposed to do it?

With gentleness

With respect

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**What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.**

Suggested memorization: 1 Peter 3:15

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Application questions for 6/18/2017 sermon

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## **Living Right & Being a Ready Witness**

There are too many questions for everyone to give their thoughts on every question. So, for most questions, let a few people share and move on. Especially make sure to get to all the questions on the second page.

(Try to have everyone answer this question, briefly.)

How “zealous” do you think you are for doing the good God wants you to do?

If you are less than highly zealous, what do you think is influencing you to hold back? (Influence doesn't have to be external; it can be within you.)

(Try to have everyone answer this question, briefly.)

Who do you care the most what they think about you, God or people? Be honest with yourself.

Whoever you care most what they think about you, how does that influence your behavior?

What is one thing God wants you to do, that if you did it consistently you would be very different than the people around you? And how do you feel about that?

Based your answer on what you have now learned. In choosing how you are going to live, what consideration should you give to how non-Christians will think about and react to you and your Christianity?

Have you thought in the past that you have to try to make non-Christians interested in Christianity by showing them that you can be like them? And what do you think about that now?

What do you think about the idea that some non-Christians will actually get interested in you and your religion when you live good and righteous for our Lord?

Do you think you need to talk about Jesus, to fulfill your full calling to be a witness for the Lord? If that is a changed view for you, share why that changed.

(Have everyone answer this question.)

Are you willing to speak about Jesus if the opportunity presents itself?

What do you think might need to change about how you view Jesus and/or what He means to someone's life, that would make it more natural to share Him with non-Christians, like you share your excitement over a great book, movie, restaurant, or sports team?

**(Make sure to make it to this point. And at least the second part of this question, try to have everyone answer.)**

After hearing this sermon, what do you think it is that you should share about Jesus with someone?

Do you think you can do that?

How did the teaching about sharing with "gentleness and respect" change your view of what you are supposed to do or how you are supposed to do it?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.