

Prepared with the Reason for the Hope Inside You

1 Peter 3:8-17

In this passage, Peter is calling for us to be prepared in advance to share with anyone the reason for the hope inside of us. Part of this is to understand the role of adversity and how it ultimately works for our good, other's good and God's glory.

Giving Voice to a Reasonable Faith (vs 15)

Know what you believe

Know why you believe

Know God relationally

Demonstrating Grace through Conduct (vs 9, 14, 16-17)

Do not repay evil for evil, but bless

Good behavior in Christ might shame persecutors

Relying on Christ in All Things (vs 14-15)

Have no fear of those who can cause suffering, nor be troubled
but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy

Developing Godly Character through Faith (vs 8, 15-17)

Unity of mind

Gentleness

Sympathy

Respect

Brotherly love

Good conscience

Tender heart

Zealous for good

Humble mind

Longsuffering

Receiving Great Blessings from God (vs 9, 14)

In vs 10-12, Peter quotes blessings from Psalm 34:

Love life

See good days

Eyes of the Lord are on the righteous

Ears of the Lord are open to the righteous