

Helps against a HOSTILE planet part 2

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#2 Be happy to suffer for what is RIGHT 14a

#3 Don't surrender to INTIMIDATION 14b

#4 Follow Christ alone as MASTER 15a

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#5 Continually be ready to DEFEND the faith 15b

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2nd WHAT *to make a defense*

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Romans 10:17 So faith comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ.

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4th WHY *to give an account for the hope that is in you,*

5th HOW *yet with gentleness and reverence;*

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2 Timothy 1:7 For God has not given us a spirit of timidity, but of power and love and discipline.

#6 Maintain a clean CONSCIENCE 16

Acts 24:16 ..., I also do my best to maintain always a blameless conscience both before God and before men.

#7 Suffer for doing RIGHT and try NOT to do wrong 17

James 5:11 We count those blessed who endured. You have heard of the endurance of Job and have seen the outcome of the Lord's dealings, that the Lord is full of compassion and is merciful.

Questions and suggestions

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- 2 If Christ is your first love, then you talking about Him should be your first topic of conversation - how can you begin to share Christ's love for you and your love for Him with others who don't know Him in a natural way?
- 3 What habits do you need to build into your life in order to keep a clean conscience?
- 4 Make a list of those you know who need the gospel, commit to write to one about Christ, talk to another about Christ on the phone and see if you can talk to one face to face this month. Make certain you pray for the rest.
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