

The Reason for Our Hope: An Introduction to Apologetics

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Lesson Two: Tips for Apologetics

Introduction: “I was a 'stage-cage' apologist...”

Be Aware of Your Limitations

“The secret things belong to the Lord our God, but the things that are revealed belong to us and to our children forever, that we may do all the words of this law” (Deuteronomy 29:29)

Neighbor: “How do we know we can trust the New Testament? I mean it is really old.”

Christian: “You know that is a very good question and I do not have the answer to that right now. Can I get back to you later?”

Be Aware of Your Resources

“...always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you” (1 Peter 3:15)

Neighbor: “Hey man, do you have time to think about my question that I had regarding the New Testament?”

Christian: “I sure did! I actually found a great lecture by Daniel Wallace that may interest you.”

Be Aware of Your Heart

“...yet do it with gentleness and respect...” (1 Peter 3:15)

Neighbor: “I appreciate you being patient with all my questions. I am just trying to figure some things out, you know?”

Christian: “I certainly get it. I do not have all the answers either but I will help in any way that I can.”

Be Aware of Your Audience

“Do not give dogs what is holy, and do not throw your pearls before pigs, lest they trample them underfoot and turn to attack you” (Matthew 7:6)

Neighbor: “Christians are uneducated science deniers! ALL religion is toxic.”

Christian: “Okay. Just let me know if you ever want to have a legitimate conversation! Later tater!”