



A Balanced Defense of the Faith

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Acts 22:30-23:11

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“Whole life have balance, everything be better.”

A Passionate Defense

A Shrewd Defense

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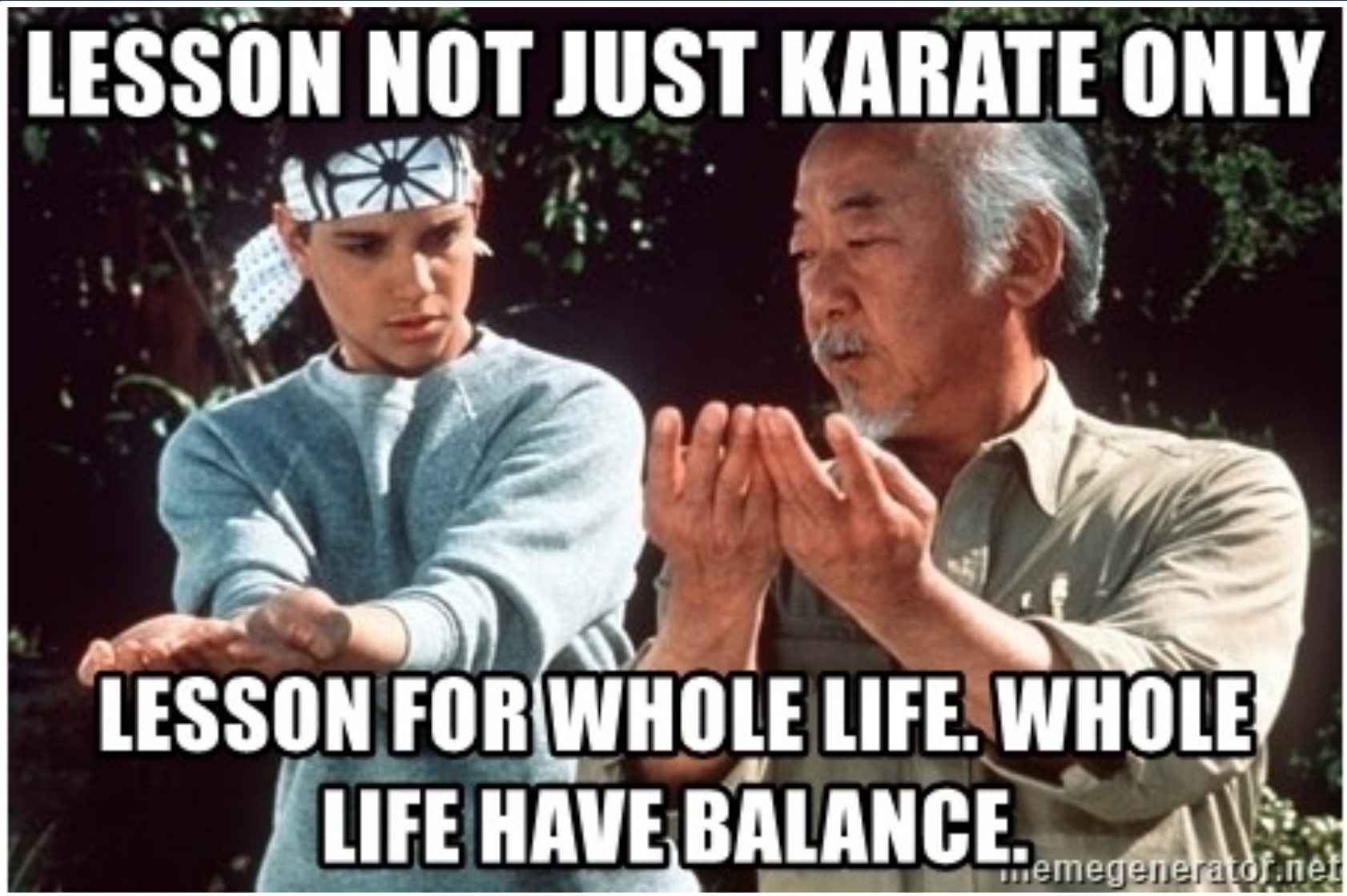


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LIFE HAVE BALANCE.**

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1 Peter 3:15

...in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you...



Acts 22:30-23:5

But on the next day, desiring to know the real reason why he was being accused by the Jews, he unbound him and commanded the chief priests and all the council to meet, and he brought Paul down and set him before them. 23 And looking intently at the council, Paul said, “Brothers, I have lived my life before God in all good conscience up



Acts 22:30-23:5

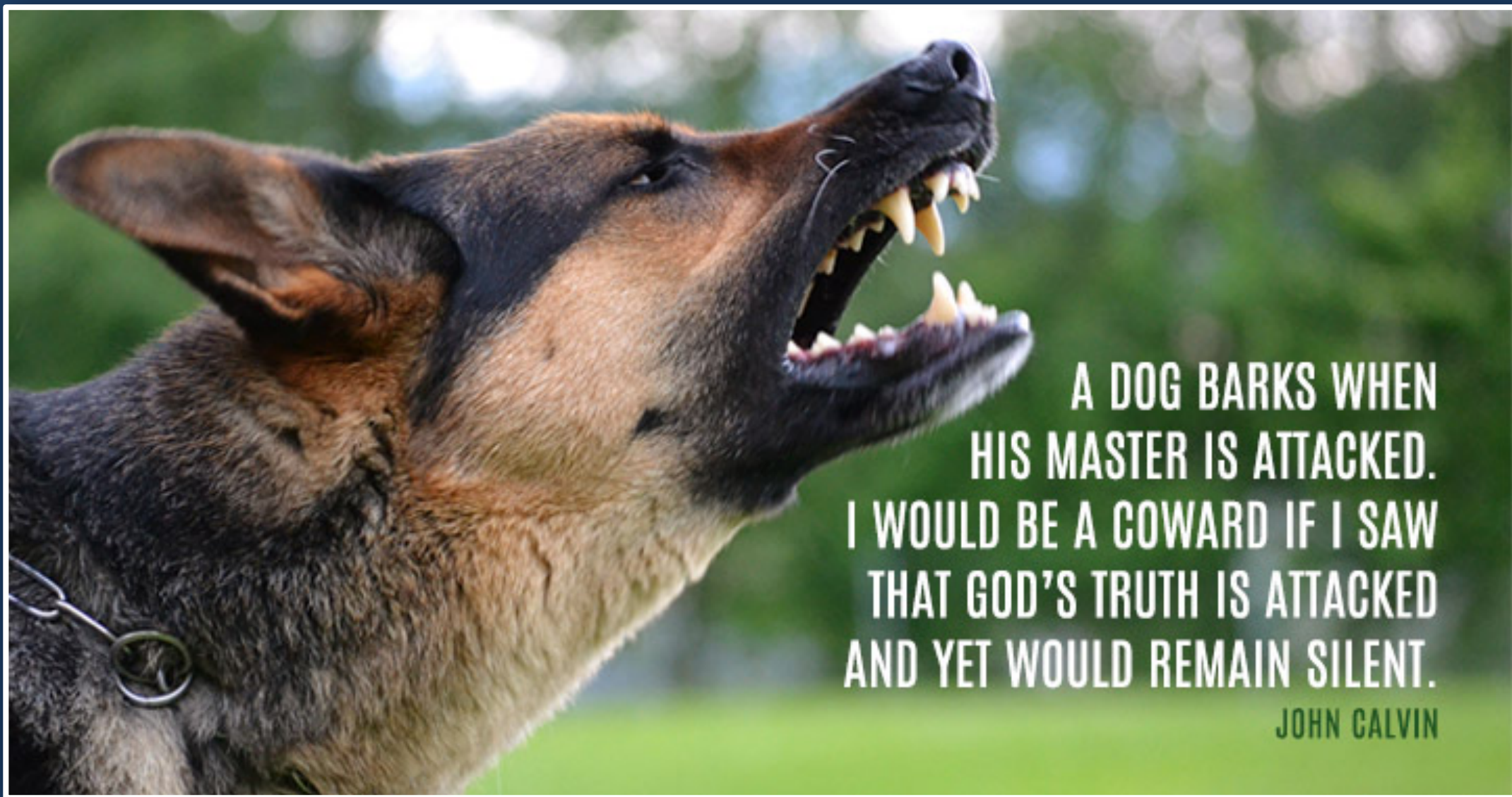
to this day.”² And the high priest Ananias commanded those who stood by him to strike him on the mouth.³ Then Paul said to him, “God is going to strike you, you whitewashed wall! Are you sitting to judge me according to the law, and yet contrary to the law you order me to be struck?”⁴ Those who stood by said, “Would you revile God's high



Acts 22:30-23:5

high priest?”⁵ And Paul said, “I did not know, brothers, that he was the high priest, for it is written, ‘You shall not speak evil of a ruler of your people.’”





**A DOG BARKS WHEN
HIS MASTER IS ATTACKED.
I WOULD BE A COWARD IF I SAW
THAT GOD'S TRUTH IS ATTACKED
AND YET WOULD REMAIN SILENT.**

JOHN CALVIN



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Nicolaus
Copernicus
1473-1543



Psalm 106:8

He saved them for the sake of His name, to make His power known.



Acts 23:6-11

Now when Paul perceived that one part were Sadducees and the other Pharisees, he cried out in the council, “Brothers, I am a Pharisee, a son of Pharisees. It is with respect to the hope and the resurrection of the dead that I am on trial.”⁷ And when he had said this, a dissension arose between the Pharisees and the Sadducees, and the assembly



Acts 23:6-11

was divided. ⁸ For the Sadducees say that there is no resurrection, nor angel, nor spirit, but the Pharisees acknowledge them all. ⁹ Then a great clamor arose, and some of the scribes of the Pharisees' party stood up and contended sharply, "We find nothing wrong in this man. What if a spirit or an angel spoke to him?" ¹⁰ And



Acts 23:6-11

when the dissension became violent, the tribune, afraid that Paul would be torn to pieces by them, commanded the soldiers to go down and take him away from among them by force and bring him into the barracks. ¹¹ The following night the Lord stood by him and said, “Take courage, for as you have testified to the facts about me in Jerusalem,

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you must testify also in Rome.”

“Knowing he had only one opportunity to witness before the assembled company of the greatest Jewish minds and teachers of his day, Paul shrewdly thrust directly to the essential heart of the faith, the resurrection!”

Steven Ger



Colossians 4:5-6

Conduct yourselves with wisdom toward outsiders, making the most of the opportunity. ⁶ Let your speech always be with grace, as though seasoned with salt, so that you will know how you should respond to each person.



The **4S** Shrewd Defense

Making **Simple Observations** (Acts 17:22-23)

Asking **Sincere Questions** (Acts 26:27-28)

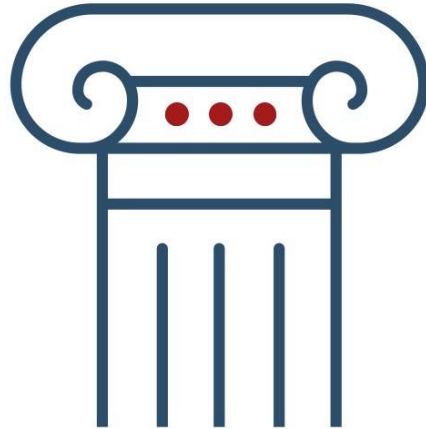
Saying a Prayer for Words (Ephesians 6:9)

Being **Sensitive to the Spirit**. (Matthew 10:19-20)



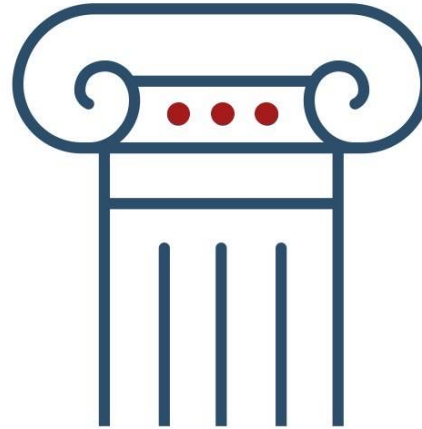
Aristotle's pillars of persuasion

Logos



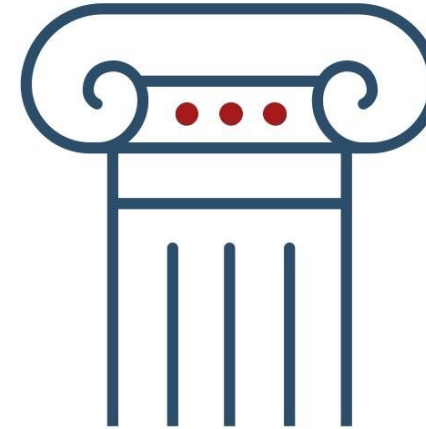
Logic: coherence, structure, facts, data, statistics, test results, research, graphs

Ethos



Credibility: reputation, authority, expertise, trustworthiness, stage presence, confidence

Pathos



Emotion: humour, vulnerability, metaphor, surprise, images, storytelling



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