

# Are You Ready?

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## TRADING BACK DECKS FOR **FRONT** Porches

*Jesus answered, "You are right in saying I am a king. In fact, for this reason I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone on the side of truth listens to me." "What is truth?" Pilate asked. (John 18:37-38a)*

**Note: The most vulnerable Christian is the uninformed Christian...**

*I tell you this so that no one may deceive you by fine-sounding arguments... See to it that no one takes you captive through hollow and deceptive philosophy, which depends on human tradition and the basic principles of this world rather than on Christ. (Col. 2:4, 8)*

**As Christians, we are called to answer the questions...**

*But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect... (1 Pet. 3:15)*

**Apologetics - "To give a reason or defense"**

- **The right motivation (for Christ)** - *"But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord." (v. 15a)*

- **The right preparation (around truth)** - *"Always be prepared... to give the reason..." (v. 15b)*

*Have nothing to do with godless myths and old wives' tales; rather, train yourself to be godly. (1 Tim. 4:7)*

• **The right application (in love)** - “But do this with gentleness and respect...” (v. 15c)

*Be merciful to those who doubt... (Jude 22)*

*...We know that we all possess knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. (1 Cor. 8:1)*

**As the church, we contend with courage for the truth together...**

*Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, contending as one man for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. (Phil. 1:27-28a)*