

Sharing Jesus: Planning & Preparation

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I. Lifelong Learners

Key Truth: Readiness & Obedience Are Marks of Devotion

II. Ongoing Readiness

1 Peter 3:15-16

Point: Inward _____ Leads to Outward _____

III. Being & Staying Ready

Colossians 2:6-8

Point: _____ Believers Are _____ Messengers

IV. Disciples Who Are Able To Disciple

Mid-Week Devotion (Take time to pray & respond to the following)

Early in my undergraduate studies, a professor once told my class that a degree doesn't prove we *know* something; it only proves we can be *taught* something. That statement changed the way I viewed learning. It reminded me that simply being present doesn't guarantee growth. Learning is ultimately a matter of choice.

Choosing to be a lifelong learner is one of the most important and consequential decisions a believer can make. Most of us care deeply about improving our quality of life and having a sense of control over what happens to us. That desire, in itself, isn't wrong. But in the context of our relationship with Christ, being a lifelong learner means much more than personal improvement. It is one of the most meaningful ways we can plan and prepare to carry out the Great Commission.

To grow in knowledge of the truth is to worship the One who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (John 14:6). Readiness and obedience are not optional extras for the Christian life; they are visible marks of devotion to Jesus.

Scripture calls us to live in a continual state of readiness—to share our testimony and to give others an opportunity to hear and respond to the gospel (1 Peter 3:15). When we fail to be ready, it reveals spiritual immaturity and, more seriously, an act of disobedience to the Word of God. The same truth that grounds us in Christ (Colossians 2:7) also compels us to oppose falsehood and proclaim the good news with confidence and compassion.

So ask yourself: Do you believe that Jesus Christ deserves the full measure of glory He earned as our Redeemer? Is it unreasonable for Him to expect His disciples to be capable of discipling others? What right do we have to withhold His glory simply because obedience might make us uncomfortable or interrupt our distractions?

Pray for a heart ready to plan, prepare, and share the gospel. Ask the Lord to give you opportunities to put what you learn into practice.