



How to Maintain your Witness in a Hostile World

Holiness Amidst Suffering: An Exposition of First Peter

1 Peter 3:13-17

Central Idea: Maintaining one's Christian witness in the face of hard opposition can be extremely tough. Therefore, in 1 Peter 3:13-17, the Apostle provides us with six principles for maintaining an effective Christian witness in a hostile world.

- I. Be a **zealot** for what is good (3:13).
- II. Do not be **intimidated** (3:14).
- III. **Set apart** Christ as Lord in your hearts (3:15a).
- IV. Be **prepared** to defend the faith (3:15b).
- V. Keep your **conscience** clear (3:16).
- VI. Suffer for the **Savior** rather than for sin (3:17).

Scripture of the Week:

“So do not fear them, for there is nothing concealed that will not be revealed, or hidden that will not be known. What I tell you in the darkness, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered in your ear, proclaim on the housetops. And do not be afraid of those who kill the body but are unable to kill the soul; but rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.

Matthew 10:26-28