

Loving Friends and Family

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“**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 Peter 3:15 (NIV)

A famous atheist who once said, “I can stand all the **arguing** of Christian **apologists**, but, one thing I cannot argue with: I have a little servant in my home who is a disciple of Jesus Christ, and her good, pure, honest, truthful life **stagger me sometimes**.”

“...not realizing that God’s kindness leads you toward repentance.” Romans 2:4 (NIV)

“For Christ sent me out...preaching the Gospel, and that **not** with **verbal eloquence**, lest the cross of Christ should be **deprived of force** and **emptied of its power**.” 1 Corinthians 1:17 (AMP)

How to Prepare to Share:

STEP #1: SEE WITH YOUR HEART.

“What is **impossible** with men is **possible** with **God**.” Luke 18:27

STEP #2: SERVE WITH YOUR HANDS.

“I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you.” John 13:15 (NIV)

CORE VALUE:

We **Communicate** the **Love** of **Jesus** by Meeting **Needs** with **Heart!**

STEP #3: SACRIFICE WITH YOUR SCHEDULE.

“COMPASSION”

Splanchnon - The inner bowels yearning! To have deep feelings!

Splanchnizomai – **Because of deep feelings, moved to take Action!**

“**What good is it**, my brothers, if a man **claims** to have **faith** but has no deeds? Can such faith save him? Suppose a brother or sister is without clothes and daily food. If one of you says to him, ‘Go, I wish you well; keep warm and well fed,’ but **does nothing** about his **physical needs**, what good is it? In the same way, faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by **action**, is dead.” James 2:14-17 (NIV)