

Tactics in Defending Your Faith
Men's Monday Night Football Fellowship (September 22, 2008)

Verse for the Study: 1 Peter 3:14-16

"But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. 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, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander."

Week 2 Verse: 1 Corinthians 14:11

"If then I do not grasp the meaning of what someone is saying, I am a foreigner to the speaker, and he is a foreigner to me."

.... Soooo.... We need to know what the "speaker" "means by that!" and....
it IS, therefore, appropriate to ask them "What did you mean by that?!!!"

Small Group Instructions (Take 30 Minutes):

1. Divide into pairs, and, if necessary, one team of three
2. One person will play the role of the Christian and the other will play the role of the non-Christian
3. The "non-Christian" will state one of the refutations from the list to the "Christian"
4. The "Christian" will respond with some variation of "What do you mean by that?"
5. Repeat steps three and four ten times (go through the entire list.)
6. Reverse roles and repeat the process.
7. As soon as each pair has completed both runs through the list, pair up with another partner and repeat the process.

The goal of these drills: Go through as many repetitions as possible, in a genuine way, in the time allotted. We will debrief as a group when time is called at about 9:00 pm.

“Get in the Game” – the “Double-Dog Dare” by Pastor Chris Sutton **Men’s Monday Night Football Fellowship 2008 Week 1 Homework**

Review the “Take-Away” Points

1. Non-believers are living a lie. We must be salt and light in a very dark culture (Matt. 5:13-16)
2. Columbo Tactic #1: What do you mean by that?”
 - Helps you control the conversation
 - Demonstrates your genuine interest
 - Helps the non-believer think through their own position (maybe for the first time)
 - Helps you avoid traps
 - Sets you up for Columbo Tactic #2

“Study the Playbook”

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Consider and Apply the “Give-Away” – Actually Play the Game

“Education without application quickly becomes extinct.” – Brent Briggs...or “Unknown”

Practice Columbo Tactic #1 on at least three people this week. It does not have to be in the context of a spiritual discussion....just employ the question. Observe the reactions you get. Note how you feel. Come ready to discuss your experiences next week.