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Part 5

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But do this in a gentle and respectful way. Keep your conscience clear.

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The defense is engaged when we give good rational answers to people's objections, doubts, or critiques against Christianity.

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When we engage in the Reason Giving Approach, we must remember to keep moving from good answers to the Good News.

Principle #5

The goal of the Reason Giving Approach is not to win arguments; it is to win souls.

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- **Study, study, study.**
- **Be prayerful and ask God to clearly reveal the opportunities.**
- **Whenever possible, connect before you correct.**
- **Listen, listen, listen.**

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- **Clarify the question.**
- **Admit when you don't know the answer. Tell them you will research and get back to them. Then contact someone who does know the answer.**

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- **Understand that you can almost never say the wrong thing to the right person, just as you can almost never say the right thing to the wrong person.**

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- **Understand that going through the difficulties, tension, and unpleasantness of debating with someone about God is actually one of the most loving things you can ever do for them**

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Acts 19:8

**Paul entered the synagogue
and spoke boldly there for
three months, arguing persuasively
about the kingdom of God.**

Acts 19:9

But some of them became obstinate; they refused to believe and publicly maligned the Way. So Paul left them. He took the disciples with him and had discussions daily in the lecture hall of Tyrannus.

Acts 19:10

This went on for two years, so that all the Jews and Greeks who lived in the province of Asia heard the word of the Lord.

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