

## **Preaching Is A Contest**

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*Acts 17:1-15*

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### **Introduction**

Preparation for the contest enables us to compete to the best of our ability.

God takes our efforts and uses them for His purpose and glory.

Our preparation must take three forms.

#### **1. Be Prepared To \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 1-4**

- a. Our reasoning must be \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 1-3

Reasoned – διαλέγομαι (dialegomai)

Explaining – διανοίγω (dianoigō)

*Nehemiah 8:8*

Demonstrating – παρατίθεμαι (paratithemai)

**Want perfect reasoning? Reason by the perfect \_\_\_\_\_.**

*1 Corinthians 2:13*

- b. Our reasoning must be \_\_\_\_\_ v. 4

**When we \_\_\_\_\_ the lost, we speak persuasively.**

*1 Corinthians 10:31-33* (p. 1319)

**2. Be Prepared For \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 5-9**

a. Rejection is not \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 5-7

Marketplace – ἀγοραῖος (agoraios)

Another – ἕτερος (heteros)

*Revelation 19:11-16* (p. 1423)

**To reject the gospel is to reject the \_\_\_\_\_.**

b. Rejection is \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 8-9

*Luke 14:25-33* (p. 1203)

**The \_\_\_\_\_ of rejection is soothed by the presence of Jesus.**

**3. Be Prepared For \_\_\_\_\_ vv. 10-15**

*John 15:18-20*

- a. The \_\_\_\_\_ of resistance vv. 10-12

Searched – ἀνακρίνω (anakrinō)

*John 5:39-40; Galatians 3:24*

**The gospel changes lives. \_\_\_\_\_ resists that change.**

- b. The \_\_\_\_\_ to resistance vv. 13-15

**When faced with resistance, the Holy Spirit's direction is \_\_\_\_\_.**

## **Conclusion**

Be prepared for the contest, but be assured of the outcome.

Preach Christ boldly, passionately, and faithfully. Leave the \_\_\_\_\_ up to God.