

I Peter 3:15, "But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear;"

I (that's 1 for 1 Peter) must allow the Holy Spirt (Includes the Trinity – that's 3 for the chapter) to guide my hand to show God's Word on any given subject. My hand has 5 fingers, and with the help of the Trinity, I can do this! (3x5=15 – that's 15 for the verse)

## **Key Words in the Verse**

**Sanctify** – Why is this important? You will never hear God's voice when you have an unclean heart. An unsanctified heart never gains knowledge like a purified one. To be ready to give an answer means you have read, studied, memorized, loved and applied His Word to your life.

**Hope-** Our world needs the hope that only a personal walk with Jesus can provide.

**Meekness** – I must be ready to speak God's words on any subject. God doesn't need my words spoken. He only desires for me to be a mouthpiece for Him. Meekness keeps a check on the words spoken from our mouths.

**Fear**- Remember, you are just a tool for God's use. Don't allow yourself to get in the way! Let Him be in full control of your mind and mouth.

## Study on the words "Be Ready/Readiness"

- 1) Be ready to give an answer to people concerning God, His Word and our relationship with Him.
  - 1 Peter 3:15; Isaiah 32:4; 2 Timothy 2:15; Psalm 119:41-48; Proverbs 28:1
- 2) Be ready to self-correct your disobedience.
  - 2 Corinthians 10:3-6
- 3) Be ready to meet God in Heaven. (Mt. Sinai Moses meeting God)

  Exodus 19:10-11; Exodus 34:1-2; 1 Corinthians 3:10-15; Matthew 6:20; 1 Timothy 6:19; 1

  Peter 1:4
- 4) Be ready to meet God on earth(our daily walk and 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming); sanctify and wash my heart.
  - Exodus 19:15-16; 2 Corinthians 6:17-18 & 7:1; Hebrews 10:22; 1 John 3:3; Matthew 24:42-44; Luke 12:40; 1 Peter 1:5
- 5) Be ready for the evil days.
  - Esther 3:12-14; Daniel 3:13-18; Jeremiah 17:17
- 6) Be ready for the personal attacks of the devil.
  - Job 18:12; 1 Peter 5:8
- 7) Be ready to serve and minister unto others.
  - 2 Corinthians 9:1-5
- 8) Be ready to be subject to all in authority unto every good work.
  - *Titus 3:1*