



**1. Prepare \_\_\_\_\_ (v.14)**

**Luke 13:14** *But the ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath day."*

**15** *Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead it away to water it?"*

**16** *And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath day?"*

**17** *As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were done by him.*

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**2. Be \_\_\_\_\_ (vv.15-16)**

**3. Speak \_\_\_\_\_ (v.17)**

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's sermon. Thoughtfully writing out the answers to these questions will help to drive home the point of today's study. It is also helpful when you are able to discuss your answers with others.

1. Read **1 Peter 4:12-16**. Why is it so important to distinguish between the two kinds of opposition described in this passage? What have been some of the examples of each of these types in your life?
2. Read **2 Timothy 2:12**. What are some of the unfortunate tactics Christians often employ in seeking to avoid the reality of this axiom?
3. Read **Proverbs 26:4-5**. How do you know it is the right time to walk away from the critic without a verbal response?
4. Read **1 Peter 3:13-17**. When you discern it is the wise thing to respond, what are some of the ways you can be better prepared to answer the critics of your good theology and the godly behavior that so often offends them?
5. Read **1 Peter 2:15**. What specific good deeds do you think would tend to silence the critics of Christianity you periodically encounter in your weekly life?

## This Week's Bible Reading Schedule

### May 14<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.9-11 & Jn.5:1-24

### May 15<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.12-14 & Jn.5:25-47

### May 16<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.15-17 & Jn.6:1-21

### May 17<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.18-19 & Jn.6:22-44

### May 18<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.20-22 & Jn.6:45-71

### May 19<sup>th</sup>

2Kgs.23-25 & Jn.7:1-31

### May 20<sup>th</sup>

1Chr.1-2 & Jn.7:32-53

### May 21<sup>st</sup>

1Chr.3-5 & Jn.8:1-20

The following related sermons are also available for free as mp3 downloads or audio streaming on the Focal Point Website ([FocalPointMinistries.org](http://FocalPointMinistries.org)).

Msg. 13-38 – **When You're Ridiculed for Christ**

Msg. 13-24 – **Reputations & Vital Responsibilities**

Msg. 15-03 – **When You've Been Rejected**

Msg. 12-20 – **When Nothing Seems Fair**

Msg. 12-42 – **A Controversial Baby: Simeon on the Polarizing Effects of Jesus Christ**

Msg. 06-51 – **A Day of Reckoning: Understanding God's Judgment**

Msg. 11-08 – 11-11 – **Enemies, Grace & Revenge** (a 4-part series on handling opposition)

## This Week's Social Media Hashtag

**#EveryChristianLife**

For users of Twitter, Facebook, or other social media sites for the grouping of sermon quotes, helpful insights, or your sharable applications drawn from today's sermon.

Here are some books which may assist you in a deeper study of the truths presented in today's sermon. While Pastor Mike cannot endorse every concept presented in each book, he does believe these resources will be helpful in profitably thinking through today's topic.

Carson, D. A. **How Long O Lord? Reflections on Suffering & Evil**. Baker Books, 1990.

Craig, William Lane. **Reasonable Faith: Christian Truth & Apologetics**. Crossway Books, 1984.

Foxe, John. **Foxe's Book of Martyrs**. The John C. Winston Co., 1926.

Geisler, Norman. **Baker Encyclopedia of Christian Apologetics**. Baker Books, 1999.

Hefley, James and Marti. **By Their Blood: Christian Martyrs of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**. Baker Books, 1996.

McDowell, Josh and Don Stewart. **Handbook of Today's Religions**. Thomas Nelson, 1992.

McKeehan, Toby and Mark Heimermann. **Jesus Freaks: Stories of Those Who Stood for Jesus**. Albury Publishing, 1999.

Metzger, Will. **Tell the Truth: The Whole Gospel to the Whole Person by Whole People**. IVP, 1981.

Pearcy, Nancy. **Total Truth: Liberating Christianity from Its Cultural Captivity**. Crossway, 2008.

Peterson, Jim. **Living Proof: Sharing the Gospel Naturally**. NavPress, 1989.

Piper, John. **Love Your Enemies: Jesus' Love Command in the Synoptic Gospels**. Baker Books, 1992.

Sande, Ken. **The Peacemaker: A Biblical Guide to Resolving Personal Conflicts**. Baker Books, 1997.

Schaeffer, Francis. **The God Who is There: Speaking Historic Christianity into the 20<sup>th</sup> Century**. InterVarsity, 1968.

Smith, William P. **How to Love Difficult People: Receiving and Sharing God's Mercy**. NG Press, 2008.

Water, Mark, ed. **The New Encyclopedia of Christian Martyrs**. Baker Books, 2001.