



## Practice of Charity

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Jesus asks you to follow His commandments for love of Him. You are never alone in walking the way of Christ, for He has given you the gift of His Holy Spirit, who comforts you and guides you in every good work. In 1 Peter 3:15-18, Peter speaks of Jesus' commandment to proclaim the truth of the Good News; that Jesus loves you and you are worthy to be saved. Peter speaks of the risk involved in proclaiming this Good News.

You may be "maligned" for speaking about Jesus. Be brave and "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" in Jesus. Do not be angry if people put you down for following this command. Speak of Jesus "with gentleness and reverence."

Lean on the power of the Holy Spirit and know that you are loved beyond measure for following in the footsteps of Christ.