THE MESSENGER

"... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!" Romans 10:15

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1 Peter 3:15
Six Steps to Successful Evangelism

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1. Christ must be sanctified as Lord in our hearts. Note the contrast:
   "Do not fear their intimidation" vs. 14
   BUT
   "Sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts" vs. 15

   (Do not fear men, but fear God and teach men. Matthew 10:28-32)

2. We must be **ready** to defend (or explain) the truth. Phil. 1:13?
   If we are not prepared, then we must **get prepared**! II Tim. 2:15

3. We must be ready **always** (24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year) Whenever, wherever, and to whomever; opportune or inopportune, convenient or inconvenient, when men agree or disagree, are receptive or are in opposition.

4. To **everyone** who asks. All are prospects, unless proven otherwise.
   Prospects not suspects! Mark 10:15

5. Our message should revolve around the **hope** within us.
   I Peter 1:3, 7-9
   We are saved by hope. Romans 8:24

6. Our approach should be with *gentleness and reverence*.
   Not arrogance, rudeness, or harshness.
   Love is not rude or arrogant. I Cor. 13:4, 5
   Approach them as you would want to be approached.

The Ten Plagues			
SCRIPTURE	**PLAGUE**	**ISRAEL EXEMPT?**	**EGYPTIAN GODS INVOLVED**
1. Ex. 7:14-24	Nile River to Blood	No	Hapi – spirit of the Nile Khnum – guardian of the Nile
2. Ex. 7:25-8:15	Frogs	No	Heqt – form of a frog Hapi – spirit of the Nile
3. Ex. 8:16-19	Swarms of Lice/Gnats	No	Uncertain; perhaps attack on Egyptian priests
4. Ex. 8:20-32	Flies	Yes	Uatchit – a god who manifested himself as a fly
5. Ex. 9:1-7	Disease on the Cattle	Yes	Apis bull revered; Sacred bulls and cows Ptah, Mnrvis, Hathor
6. Ex. 9:8-12	Boils/Sores on Man and Animal	Yes	Sekhmet – goddess with power to heal. Serapis – healing god
7. Ex. 9:13-35	Destruction of Crops and Cattle by Hail	Yes	Seth – protector of crops Nut – sky goddess
8. Ex. 10:1-20	Destruction of Crops by Locusts	Yes	Isis – goddess of life Seth – protector of crops
9. Ex. 10:21-29	Darkness	Yes	Re – sun god Atum – god of setting sun
10. Ex. 11:1-12:36	Death of the Firstborn	Yes – if blood properly applied	Osiris – giver of life Pharaoh also was considered deity

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NOTES & NEWS:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

"...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:16