

## Verses About Defending the Faith

(Matthew 22:37) And he said to him, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and **with all your mind**. This is the first and great commandment.”

(John 10:38) But if I do it, even though you do not believe me, believe the miracles, that you may **know and understand** that the Father is in me, and I in the Father.

(1 Peter 3:15) But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always *be* ready to **give a defense to everyone** who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.

(2 Corinthians 10:5) **We demolish arguments** and every pretension that sets itself up against the knowledge of God, and we take captive every thought to make it obedient to Christ.

(2 Timothy 2:23-26) But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.<sup>24</sup> And a servant of the Lord must not quarrel but be gentle to all, able to teach, patient,<sup>25</sup> **in humility correcting those who are in opposition**, if God perhaps will grant them repentance, so that they may **know the truth**,<sup>26</sup> and *that* they may come to their senses *and escape* the snare of the devil, having been taken captive by him to *do* his will.

(Colossians 4:5-6) Walk in wisdom toward those *who are* outside, redeeming the time.<sup>6</sup> Let your speech always *be* with grace, seasoned with salt, that you may know how you ought to **answer each one**.

(Philippians 1:16) “. . . I am appointed for the **defense of the gospel**.”

(Jude 3) Beloved, while I was very diligent to write to you concerning our common salvation, I found it necessary to write to you exhorting you to **contend earnestly for the faith** which was once for all delivered to the saints.

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(Titus 1:9) [speaking of an overseer]: He must hold firm to the trustworthy word as taught, so that he may be able to give instruction in sound doctrine and also to **rebuke those who contradict it.**

(Philippians 1:27-28) Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in one spirit, **contending as one man for the faith** of the gospel <sup>28</sup> without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you.

(Romans 1:20) For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—his eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, **being understood from what has been made**, so that men are without excuse.

(Acts 18:27-28) When Apollos goes to Achaia, it says “When he arrived, he greatly helped those who through grace had believed, <sup>28</sup> for he **powerfully refuted the Jews in public**, showing by the Scriptures that the Christ was Jesus.”

(Philippians 4:2) I implore Euodia and I implore Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord.

(Galatians 2:11) Now when Peter had come to Antioch, I **withstood him to his face**, because he was to be blamed;

(2 Timothy 4:9) Be diligent to come to me quickly; <sup>10</sup> for Demas has forsaken me, having loved this present world

2 Timothy 4:14-15) Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

(1 Timothy 1:19-20) Some have rejected these and so have shipwrecked their faith. <sup>20</sup> Among them are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I have handed over to Satan to be taught not to blaspheme.

(2 Timothy 2:16-17) But shun profane *and* idle babblings, for they will increase to more ungodliness. <sup>17</sup> And their message will spread like cancer. Hymenaeus and Philetus are of this sort, <sup>18</sup> who have strayed concerning the truth, saying that the resurrection is already past; and they overthrow the faith of some.

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