

## Christian Apologetics (Part 33)

### Introduction

I. The Premises of the Christian Apologist

II. The Character of the Christian Apologist

III. The Strategy and Tactics of the Christian Apologist

A. Methodology: reason and use evidence within the bounds of biblical presuppositions

B. Paul at Athens (Acts 17:16-34): appeal to others' ignorance and knowledge of God to tell them the truth about God

C. Strategic Objective: to plant a seed

D. Asking Questions

-Three ways to use Questions:

1) To Gather Information

→"What did you mean by that?"

2) To Shift the Burden of Proof

→"How did you come to that conclusion?"

3) To Lead the Way

-Leading questions can be used to:

●Inform

●Persuade

●Set up the Terms of the Discussion

●Refute

●Expose Weaknesses/Flaws in the Viewpoints of Others

### Concluding Counsels

1) Aim to be gentle, respectful, and tactful in your use of questions.

2) Narrate the discussion.