



**August 11, 2019 | Part 1:
Do You Have to Shrink Your Brain to Live With Faith?**

1 Peter 3:8-16

1 Peter 3:13-16 Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? ¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. "Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened." ¹⁵ But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, ¹⁶ keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Mark 12:28-31

Deuteronomy 6:5 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength.

The One Thing:

Spiritual Influence Works Best When I Use

My _____ And My _____ To

Make It _____ For Others To Believe In Jesus.

How to Use Our Brains to Influence Our Friends Toward Jesus:

1. Be Prepared to Live By _____, not _____.

1 Peter 3:15

2. Be Prepared to Explain My _____ and My _____.

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3 Keys to Spiritual Influence

1. _____ Trumps Words.
2. _____ Open the Door.
3. Listening is a _____ - _____ Street.

3. Be Prepared to Share My Thoughts with _____ and _____.

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4. Be Prepared to _____, if _____.

1 Peter 3:17-18 One who was there had been an invalid for thirty-eight years.
⁶ When Jesus saw him lying there and learned that he had been in this condition for a long time, he asked him, "Do you want to get well?"