

Having the Right Defense Team

John 14:16–27 (NIV)

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Counselor to be with you forever—¹⁷ the Spirit of truth. The world cannot accept him, because it neither sees him nor knows him. But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you.¹⁸ I will not leave you as orphans; I will come to you.¹⁹ Before long, the world will not see me anymore, but you will see me. Because I live, you also will live.²⁰ On that day you will realize that I am in my Father, and you are in me, and I am in you.²¹ Whoever has my commands and obeys them, he is the one who loves me. He who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I too will love him and show myself to him.”²² Then Judas (not Judas Iscariot) said, “But, Lord, why do you intend to show yourself to us and not to the world?”²³ Jesus replied, “If anyone loves me, he will obey my teaching. My Father will love him, and we will come to him and make our home with him.²⁴ He who does not love me will not obey my teaching. These words you hear are not my own; they belong to the Father who sent me.²⁵ “All this I have spoken while still with you.²⁶ But the Counselor, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you all things and will remind you of everything I have said to you.²⁷ Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.”

John 15:26–16:11 (NIV)

“When the Counselor comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who goes out from the Father, he will testify about me.²⁷ And you also must testify, for you have been with me from the beginning.¹ “All this I have told you so that you will not go astray.² They will put you out of the synagogue; in fact, a time is coming when anyone who kills you will think he is offering a service to God.³ They will do such things because they have not known the Father or me.⁴ I have told you this, so that when the time comes you will remember that I warned you. I did not tell you this at first because I was with you.⁵ “Now I am going to him who sent me, yet none of you asks me, ‘Where are you going?’⁶ Because I have said these things, you are filled with grief.⁷ But I tell you the truth: It is for your good that I am going away. Unless I go away, the Counselor will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you.⁸ When he comes, he will convict the world of guilt in regard to sin and righteousness and judgment:⁹ in regard to sin, because men do not believe in me;¹⁰ in regard to righteousness, because I am going to the Father, where you can see me no longer;¹¹ and in regard to judgment, because the prince of this world now stands condemned.”

1 John 2:1–2 (NIV)

“My dear children, I write this to you so that you will not sin. But if anybody does sin, we have one who speaks to the Father in our defense—Jesus Christ, the Righteous One.² He is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world.”

What is an Advocate?

- _____ for the defense, or one who is accused.
- In a broader sense, any person who helps another who is in _____ with the _____.

Who is the Advocate?

- “He will send _____ advocate...” Jn 14:16
This implies there are _____.
- I Jn 2:1 reveals the first Advocate is _____.
- The Gospel of John reveals the second Advocate is the _____.

What is the task of the Advocates?

- Jn 14:16—To _____ us and _____ with us.
- Jn 14:26—To _____ us and _____ us of the words of Jesus.
- Jn 15:26—He will _____ concerning Jesus.
- Jn 16:7—He will _____ the world to be wrong.
- I Jn 2:1—He (Jesus) will _____ our case before the Father as the Righteous One.

Why do I need an Advocate?

- If I _____, I need a _____ to plead my case before the Father! I Jn 2:1
- I need Someone to help _____ with me in this _____ world! John 14:16
- Because I was born _____ to God, I now need to be _____ the right way to live and have _____ doing so! Jn 14:26
- I need Him to _____ through me concerning Christ. Jn 15:26
- I need Him to show the world _____ it is _____, and thus, be my _____ that I am living right. Jn 16:7-11.

LIFE ACTION STEPS

- I want to ask Christ to come into my life, and forgive me of my sins, and begin this journey.
- I need to ask the Holy Spirit’s help in my life to _____
