

Sermon Notes

No Matter How Anyone Treats You, Live for Christ & Be a Witness for Him

1 Peter 3:13-17

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

3:13 Who will mistreat you if you have been a zealot of doing good?

3:14a Even if you suffer because of righteousness, you are blessed.

3:14b Do not live respecting what the people of the culture respect.

(Ref.: Isaiah 8:11-13)

3:15a Instead live honoring the Lord Christ as holy, in your heart.

If we live this way, it shows Christ to non-Christians.

3:15b Always being ready for the purpose of an answer to anyone who asks you to give a word regarding the hope that is in you.

Be ready to give an answer, to be a witness for Christ.

When you give testimony as a witness of Christ, speak truth, consistent with God's word, the Bible.

When you give testimony as a witness of Christ, make sure to speak about Christ. He is our hope.

Do this with with gentleness toward the person and honor toward God.

The message may be irritating, if they don't want to hear God's truth. But our approach shouldn't be irritating.

3:16 Live for God, no matter what people say about you, and they will be shown to be wrong about their accusations.

3:17 For it is better doing good, even if it might be the will of God for you to suffer, rather than doing bad.

Don't decide to give up living for Christ, just to avoid suffering.

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Application questions for 12/17/2017 sermon

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

The people in your life right now who you feel are mistreating you, are you trying to behave toward them in all the ways the Lord wants you to, and those people are just wicked? Or are you contributing to the relational problems? If you are contributing, what do you need to do differently?

Are you ever tempted to stop living the Lord's ways, living for Christ, to avoid persecution or ridicule? What would you say to yourself about that?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

Do you think the way you live your life shows Christ to people? Why?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

Are you willing to testify about Christ if God gives an opportunity? Why?

(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

Are you trying to be aware, on most days, for opportunities God might give you to testify about Christ? Why?

Do you want to change that? How do you think you can be more aware?

When you have a spiritual conversation with someone, what do you typically talk about? Do you feel like that is a testimony for Christ? What do you want to change?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.