

Bible Study Resource

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A Sojourner's Guide

1 Peter 2:13-17

"For this is the will of God..." 1 Peter 2:15a, NKJV

Have you ever wondered what God's will is for you? He has a will, and He has a plan; but what does that mean for you today? Let's find out.

Use Good to Silence Evil: The Message of Your Words

Colossians 4:5-6, Matthew 12:33-37, Psalm 141:3

I have an assignment for you, today; and it won't be easy. Take time to evaluate your words. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth, and then spend some quiet time considering the words you have spoken. If you have a social media presence, examine the last 10 days of posts. If you have an active email, do the same. Ponder your conversations and ask the Lord to bring them clearly to your mind. What message do your words speak? Do they reveal a human disposition or a Godly perspective? Do they reveal a careless attitude, or a careful understanding of the power in your words? As you honestly evaluate your words, ask God to set a guard over your mouth. Ask Him with anticipation, and then expect to hear Him intervening as you go through the coming days.

Use Good to Silence Evil: The Message of Your Behavior

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8; Titus 2:2-8, 11-14, Psalm 19:7-14

I have another assignment, and it will be equally difficult. Take time to evaluate your behavior. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the truth and then spend a few quiet moments considering your behavior this past week. How do your behaviors influence those around you. What message do your behaviors communicate to others...when you are working, when you are driving, when you are waiting, when you are correcting others, when you are being corrected. What do your actions and your body language reveal about the motives of your heart? Ask God to clarify the truth of the matter so that even the meditation of your heart is acceptable in His sight.

Use Good to Silence Evil: As God's Slave, Live as a Free Person

1 Corinthians 6:19-20, Philippians 2:1-8, Galatians 5:13-18, 1 Corinthians 6:12

As sojourners, God has called you out of the darkness. He has called you to freedom; but your freedom has a purpose, and it stems from a hard truth. If you are God's child, then He is your Lord. He is your Master and you are His slave - His cherished and beloved servant. What is servanthood producing in you? How does servanthood to the King of Kings constrain your desires and your behavior? How does it compel you to serve? How does servanthood set you free to live your life? How does it free you to be in the world but not of it? How is it producing sanctification - God's desired end result?