

“Getting Beat Up for God is a Good Thing!”

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Matthew 5:10-12

“Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.” (NIV)

Key Truth: Those who make a profession of faith in Christ and live a life of righteousness as a result of their faith should be prepared to be persecuted.

II Timothy 3:12

“In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted . . .” (NIV)

Key Truth: Those who are persecuted for their opinions and way of life should consider that this may be one evidence that they have the Spirit of Christ and are blessed.



Romans 7:15

“I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do.” (NIV)

I Peter 3:14

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Mark 13:13

Key Truth: If we are persecuted, we should carefully inquire, before we become too puffed up, whether we are persecuted because we “live a godly life in Christ Jesus,” or for some other reason.

Matthew 6:5-7

“And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men. I tell you the truth; they have received their reward in full. But when you pray, go into your room, close the door and pray to your Father, who is unseen. Then your Father, who sees what is done in secret, will reward you. And when you pray, do not keep on babbling like pagans, for they think they will be heard because of their many words.” (NIV)

Key Truth: Those who have never been persecuted in any way should question whether it is not a sign that they have no faith in Christ.





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