

## Do Good, Suffer for Well Doing

1 Peter 3:12-17

God is watching for opportunities to respond to our trust by:

1. Revealing himself to you in the trial.
2. Providing Help in the trial.
3. At some point, to deliver you from the trial.

God is both empathetic and sympathetic participant in our struggles.

Isaiah 63:9 “In all their afflictions he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.”

Since you are trusting God, “do good” (verse 11) and be willing to suffer for “well doing”. (verse 17)

The opposite of well doing is evil doing. There is no gray middle ground.

It is evil not to actively trust god by doing well, especially when life is hard.

Tozer “we cannot pray in love and live in hate and still think that we are worshipping God.”

We Christians have to quit living by externals, by the body. We (the real person, the inner person) are untouchable by evil men. But the body, the outer us, is touchable.

Focusing on the body results in fear and anxiety.

A test is not really a test if it does not make you sweat.

To sanctify the Lord God in your heart is to make up your mind to let God control the inner you and that you will live according to the inner you.

Or, that you agree that it is ok for your body to be the testing ground of your faith.

Meekness is the voluntary giving up of your power and ability to deliver yourself and waiting for God to show up to deliver you.

Jesus waited 3 days in meekness in the grave before the resurrection.

Guilty people (those with stained a conscience) don't suffer well.

Those who trust God and **know** that their sins are forgiven and removed have clear consciences and they suffer well.

Is your faith real enough to do good and to wait for Christ to show up in the midst of the sufferings of life? In the trial of your faith?