

WHEN BAD THINGS HAPPEN TO GOOD PEOPLE
1 Peter 3:13-17

If you are being treated badly for doing good...

1. Keep doing good

Now who is there to harm you if you are zealous for what is good? (13)

2. Remember the rewards

But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. (14)

3. Don't panic

Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, (14)

4. Focus on Jesus

but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, (15)

5. Know your purpose

always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; (15)

6. Stay calm

yet do it with gentleness and respect, (15)

7. Keep a pure conscience

having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil. (16-17)