

When Life Isn't Fair

1 Peter 3:13-17 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction:

Patient Endurance: The fruit of our security in Christ, which strengthens us to persevere through anything.

Two Perspectives to Choose From

1. Seeing life from _____ point of view.
2. Seeing life from the _____ point of view.
(1 Peter 3:12; Romans 8:28; 1 Peter 3:13)
 - **Life's General Rule:** *Those who live honestly will _____ not suffer harm.*

God-Like Responses When Life isn't Fair

1. Be _____! Consider yourself blessed at all times.
(1 Peter 3:14a; James 1:2)
 - a. We are called to patiently _____ unfair treatment.
(1 Peter 2:21; 1 Peter 3:9)
 - b. Someday we will be _____ for enduring these trials.
(Matthew 5:10-12; James 1:12)
2. Be _____! Don't panic or worry at all times.
(1 Peter 3:14b)

3. Be at _____! Acknowledge Jesus as Lord at all times.
(1 Peter 3:15a; Acts 7:54-60)
4. Be _____! Share the hope of Jesus at all times.
(1 Peter 3:15b)
 - a. Our defense for our hope must be _____.
 - b. Our defense for our hope must be _____.
 - c. Our defense for our hope must be _____.
5. Be _____! Guard your integrity at all times.
(1 Peter 3:16)

- **Integrity:** *Sound, Incorruptible, Complete*

Conclusion:

1 Peter 3:17 *For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than doing what is wrong.*

- **Principle to Remember:** *Unjust _____ is always better than deserved _____.*
(James 5:11; Hebrews 10:32-36; Proverbs 16:7)

Verse for August - 1 Thessalonians 1:3 *"We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ."*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*