

Living Opposite of the World

Word of the Day: Opposite

1) Opposite In What We Pursue

Galatians 5:16-21

- Flee means to distance ourselves, escape danger and seek shelter.
- Psalm 119:9 The only way to stay pure is to live according to His word

Pursue

- Christianity is a positive pursuit of the things of God.
- Phil. 3:12-14 I press on toward the goal
- 1 Timothy 6:11 Pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, steadfastness, gentleness.

Righteousness

- Proverbs 15:9 says God loves those who pursue righteousness
- We must first understand that no one is righteous on their own (Rom. 3:10)
- To pursue righteousness means to pursue the things of God with all our hearts, soul and minds.

Faith

- TO pursue faith means to go to the things God calls you to do by faith or to be faithful.

Love

Peace

- We possess peace because we have peace with God (Romans 5:1) but it is something we are to pursue (Romans 8:6)
- Peace means peace with God and others.
- They call on the Lord for salvation (Romans 10:12-13)
- They call on the Lord for strength to do His will. (Eph. 6:10; Phil 4:13)
- The word call is a word that means a deep and desperate appeal to the Lord.

2) Opposite in our Conversations

Numbers 16:5

- These were silly arguments and a preoccupation about myths and genealogies.
- 1 Timothy 6:3-5 Paul warns that they were promoting a different gospel.
- 2 Timothy 2:14-17 Paul told Timothy not to wrangle with words.
- Acts 17:2 Paul reasoned with the Jews about the Gospel
- Acts 18:19 Paul was trying to persuade them.

In the post Christian world.

- Identity is "living their truth"
- Freedom is an absence of restraint. (if it does not harm others)
- Happiness is based on what feels right.
- Ephesians 4:15 says we should speak the truth in Love.
- Proverbs 20:3 says a fool is quick to quarrel
- The Lord's Servant (bond- servant) must remember who they represent.
- 2 Corinthians 5:20 we are Ambassadors for Christ.

Kind

- Approachable and affirming. The demeanor of a nursing mother.
- Ephesians 4:32

Teach

- teachers leads someone towards the truth.

How do we teach this generation

- Listen: The problem is no one is listening, they are just repeating what they believe.
- Ask Questions: They must see a need before they search for the answer. (Their beliefs must be shaken)
- Show them that what they believe will never bring them true and lasting fulfillment. Jeremiah 2:13
- Share the Gospel. (John 3:16; 14:6; Romans 3:23; 6:23; 5:8; 10:9; 8:1)

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- Matthew 5:11-12 Blessed are you when others revile you.

3) Opposite In How We Disagree With Others

Colossians 4:5-6

- Gentleness is strength under control.
- 2 Corinthians 10:1 says that Jesus treated others with gentleness.

4) Opposite In How We View Others.

- Mark 1:15 Jesus calls people to repent
- Acts 17:30 God calls on all people everywhere to repent
- 1 Timothy 2:4 says that God desires all men to be saved.

Come to their senses means to sober up.

- They are snared or locked up. Taken Alive
- John 8:31-32 Freedom comes from Jesus and abiding in His word.
- Luke 4:18 Jesus came to set the prisoners free
- 2 Corinthians 3:17 where the Spirit of the Lord is there is freedom
- Ephesians 6:11-12
- Romans 10:13-15

Devotions 2 Timothy 2:22-26

1. Why is it important to flee (get as far away as possible) from sin?
2. What are the attributes we should pursue in verse 22?
3. What are some foolish controversies today that Christians should not be a part of?
4. Why is it important that we are kind even when we are mistreated?
5. Why are we to share the gospel according to verse 25?
6. Why is it important to remember that every person who is not a Christian has been taken captive by the devil?

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