

But I don't Understand?

1 Peter 3:13-17

Results of doing good:

- No harm will come to you. (v. 13)
- We will suffer for doing good. "sin" (v. 14a, Matt. 5:43-45, Luke 6:27-31, Ps. 73)
- God will reward you. (v. 14b)

Our Christian reactions to evil responses:

- Don't worry about or feel threatened by them. (v. 14c)
- Worship the Lord. (v. 15a)
- Witness for the Lord. (v. 15b) **How?** (v. 16a)
 - Gently
 - Respectfully
 - Keeps your conscience clear. (v. 16b)
 - Your life in Christ will help others see their sin. (v. 16c, John 8:32)
- Remember our Godly mission. (v. 17, Micah 6:8) **How?**
 - To do what is right.
 - To love mercy.
 - Walk humbly with your God.

Points to Ponder:

- Life is not always fair, but God promises good to those that love Him! (Rom. 8:28)
 - God is not the author of worry but rather of peace! (1 Cor. 14:33)
 - Our worship of God should come from how good God is to us not how good life is to us!
 - Our witness to others is expressed more through what we do than what we say!
 - Our mission in life should focus on our Heavenly home rather than our earthly tent!
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