

It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. ~ James 3:8

My God, rescue me from the power of the wicked, from the clutches of cruel oppressors.

~ *Psalm* 71:4

For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed.

~ 1 Peter 2 21:24

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- II. <u>DON'T</u> <u>RETALIATE</u>.

Do not resist an evil person! If someone slaps you on the right cheek, offer the other cheek also. ~ Matthew 5:39

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Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will bless you for it. ~ 1 Peter 3:9

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- III. **PRAY** for those who **MISTREAT** you.

But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you! ~ Matthew 5:44

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- III. **PRAY** for those who **MISTREAT** you.
- IV. FORGIVE QUICKLY.
- V. <u>**TRUST</u>** God even though He may seem <u>**DISTANT**</u>.</u>

Yes, I will certainly keep you safe from these wicked men. I will rescue you from their cruel hands. ~ Jeremiah 15:21

