

Pushback & Happiness

Elevate: The Truth About Happiness

“God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God: the Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs!”
Matthew 5:10

“Anyone who belongs to Christ Jesus and wants to live right will have trouble from others.” 2 Timothy 3:12

Three Things To Remember

1. Pushback Can _____

Jesus said, “When the world hates you, remember it hated Me first. The world would love you if you belonged to it, but you don’t. I chose you out of the world. That’s why the world will hate you. No servant is ever greater than his master. So since they persecuted Me they will persecute you too.” John 15:18-20

2. Pushback Can _____

“These troubles will prove that your faith is genuine.” 1 Peter 1:7

3. Pushback Can _____

“God blesses those who are persecuted because they live for God: the Kingdom of Heaven will be theirs! You will be blessed when people insult you, and persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me.” Matthew 5:10-11

What To Do...

1. _____

“Dear friends, don’t be surprised or shocked when you go through painful trials... as though something unusual is happening to you.” 1 Peter 4:12

2. _____

“If you suffer for doing what is right, God will reward you for it, so don’t be afraid and don’t worry! Instead, worship Christ as Lord of your life. And if you are asked about your Christian hope, always be ready to explain it.” 1 Peter 3:14-15

3. _____

“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.” 1 Peter 2:23

“Never pay back evil with more evil... If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. And never avenge yourself. Leave that to God, who has said, ‘I’ll be the judge and I’ll take care of it.’”

Romans 12:17-19

4. _____

“Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.” Romans 12:21

Jesus said, “Love your enemies! Do good to those who hate you. Bless those who curse you. Pray for those who hurt you.” Luke 6:27b-28