

Silence Foolish Accusations

Let me tell you, I hate it when I am unfairly attacked. It bugs me, when foolish accusations have been unjustly made against me. **Well, join the club. Get used to it, foolish accusations were made against me and I did nothing but good. There will be many times that you will suffer foolish accusations and unjust attacks simply because you are one of my followers.** I get that. I am somewhat, not fully for sure, prepared for that to happen to me. When that happens to me, I will know and remember that I am in good company with you, as one of your followers. **That's right.**

When you have been unjustly attacked by foolish accusations how have you responded to them? I'm sure that I have not responded as you would have wanted me to respond. **Why do you say that?** Well, when you were unjustly attacked by foolish accusations you didn't respond to them. You just kept on doing all the good that your Heavenly Father had given you to do for Him. **Yes, I did.** You didn't attempt to defend yourself. You didn't seek to set the record straight. You didn't put together your own counter attack. You didn't play the game of "tit" for "tat". **No, I did none of these things.** Well, I have done all of these things when I have been unjustly acted by foolish accusations. **Yes, I have noticed that you can be quite aggressive in seeking to defend yourself.**

How has aggressively defending yourself against unjust and foolish accusations worked out for you? Not well at all. In some cases, I may have won a battle, but in doing so, I have lost a war. **What do you mean by that?** I may have cleared my name of one unjust foolish accusation. But, in clearing my name, I have certainly sullied it by getting down in the mud with those who unjustly accused me with false accusations. I lost sight of something far more important than my name. **What's that?** What's far more important than my name, is your name. Here I am here on this earth, hoping to live my life fully for you. I want to bring glory to your name. Trying to clear my name will never bring glory to your name. **No, it will not. What do you wish you would have done when faced with unjust and foolish accusations? What will you do in the future instead?** I will just keep on doing all the good that you have given me to do for you. That will make me able to continue to bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. **Yes, it will. Continuing to do all the good that I have given you to do for me will also silence many unjust and false accusations against you. You will shine brightly as one of my witnesses in the world.** Now that is what I want.

Lord, I want to do all the good things you have given me to do. I want my life to silence foolish accusations from being made against me. I want my life to be a bright and shining witness for you as I bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

God's Will *By Doing Good*

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.

NIV 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Good*

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

ESV 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *Your Honorable Lives*

It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you.

NLT 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Good*

For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men

NKJV 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Right*

For it is God's will that by doing right you should silence the ignorance of the foolish.

NRSV 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Good*

It is God's will that by doing good, you might cure the ignorance of the fools who think you're a danger to society.

MSG 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Right*

For it is God's will *and* intention that by doing right [your good and honest lives] should silence (muzzle, gag) the ignorant charges *and* ill-informed criticisms of foolish persons.

AMP 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *Your Good Lives*

It is God's will that your good lives should silence those who foolishly condemn the Gospel without knowing what it can do for them, having never experienced its power.

TLB 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Right*

For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

NASB 1 Peter 2:15

God's Will *By Doing Good*

It is God's desire that by doing good you should stop foolish people from saying stupid things about you.

NCV 1 Peter 2:15

By Doing Good

Year ____ Week ____ Day ____ Date ____

God's Will – 1 Peter 2:15

In Context: Read 1 Peter 2

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. 1 Peter 2:15

Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture:

(What prayer from your heart will you write?)

Lord, I want to do all the good things you have given me to do. I want my life to silence foolish accusations from being made against me. I want my life to be a bright and shining witness for you as I bear fruit for your kingdom and bring glory to your name. Amen

What It Means:

(What questions speak to your heart?) (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

When have experienced foolish accusations being made against you?

When have you unsuccessfully tried to silence foolish accusations that had been made against you?

What are some good things that God has given you to do for Him?

How are you making every effort to do the good things that God has given you to do for Him?

How has doing the good things God has given you to do for Him helped you to bear fruit for His kingdom?

How has doing the good things God has given you to do for Him caused you to bring glory to His name?

How has continuing do to the good that God has given you to do silenced foolish accusations against you?

Living It Out:

(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)

Do all the good things that God gives you to do so that your life will silence foolish accusations against you.

Seeing It Happen:

(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)

Have faith that doing the good things that God gives you to do will silence foolish accusations against you.

Get Ready To Share:

(What can you share with others from your heart?)

Share with another person or your small group how doing good things has silenced foolish accusations against you.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you live a life of doing good things that silences foolish people from making accusations against you.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, help me to live a life of doing good things that silences foolish people from making accusations against me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, what good things do you want me to do for you today?
