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## **A Good Day**

**How would you describe that?** How would I describe what? **How would you describe a good day?** That is an unusual question. **Why is that?** I could pick a hundred different things that might be part of a good day. **Are there really that many possibilities?** I'm not sure. **Why don't you try to describe just one good day?** **Maybe, your thoughts will become clearer as you think more deeply about this question. I could ask you other related questions that might help you.** Go ahead, ask me, I'd like that. **What would a good life look like? If you added up all your good days how would they end up equaling a good life?** You're right, those additional questions have helped me to think about my answer. My thoughts have become clearer. **Let me hear your thoughts.** A good day would be one that I lived with and for you. A good day would be one in which I walked intimately with you. A good day would be when I turned away from evil to do good. A good day would be when I kept my tongue from speaking any evil or deceitful speech. Most of importantly, good days would be when your eyes are on me and you are attentive to my prayers. Without all of these things, I could not call any day good. So, in conclusion, I would say that good days are one in which I have walked closely with you. Only these days can be added up to equal a good life that was well lived. **You have answered my question well.**

I have more to say. **I'm listening.** I want you to help me to live a life filled with good days. I don't want to live any bad days. I want to continually turn away from evil to do good. I want to continually think good thoughts, speak good words and do good deeds. I want your eyes to be on me continually. I want you to always be attentive to my prayers. I know that you will help me to live these kinds of days and this kind of life. You will watch me. You will be with me. You will help me. You will give me prayers to prayer that you will certainly hear and answer. **Yes, I will. This prayer of yours, to live good days and a good life, is one that I will certainly hear and answer.** Thank you, Lord.

*Lord, I will turn away from evil in all its forms. I will not think evil thoughts, speak evil words, or take evil actions. Instead, I will do all the good that you have called me to do for you. Help me to live the life you have called me to live. Hear and answer my prayers. Amen*

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn From Evil*

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

NIV 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Evil*

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

ESV 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Evil*

For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

NLT 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Evil*

For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

NKJV 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Evil*

For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

NRSV 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Say Nothing Evil Or Hurtful*

Whoever wants to embrace life and see the day fill up with good, Here's what you do: Say nothing evil or hurtful; Snub evil and cultivate good; run after peace for all you're worth. God looks on all this with approval, listening and responding well to what he's asked; But he turns his back on those who do evil things.

MSG 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Wickedness*

For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit). Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!] For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].

AMP 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Evil*

If you want a happy, good life, keep control of your tongue, and guard your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Try to live in peace even if you must run after it to catch and hold it! For the Lord is watching his children, listening to their prayers; but the Lord's face is hard against those who do evil.

TLB 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Turn Away From Evil*

For, "THE ONE who desires life, TO LOVE and see good days, MUST KEEP his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. "HE MUST TURN away from evil and do good; HE MUST SEEK peace and pursue it. "FOR THE EYES of the LORD are toward the righteous, AND HIS EARS attend to their prayer, BUT THE FACE of the LORD is against those who do evil."

NASB 1 Peter 3:10-12

## **Becoming Like Christ** *Stop Doing Evil*

The Scripture says, "A person must do these things to enjoy life and have many happy days. He must not say evil things, and he must not tell lies. He must stop doing evil and do good. He must look for peace and work for it. The Lord sees the good people and listens to their prayers. But the Lord is against those who do evil."

NCV 1 Peter 3:10-12

# Turn From Evil

Year \_\_\_\_\_ Week \_\_\_\_\_ Day \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Becoming Like Christ** – 1 Peter 3:10-12

**In Context:** *Read 1 Peter 3*

**Begin With Prayer:**

***Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.***

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

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**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 will turn away from evil in all its forms. I will not think evil thoughts, speak evil words, or take evil actions. Instead, I will do all the good that you have called me to do for you. Help me to live the life you have called me to live. Hear and answer my prayers. Amen

**What It Means:**

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

**What will you do differently because you love life and want to see good days?**

How are you keeping your tongue from speaking what is evil and deceitful?

How have you made a firm commitment to turn away from evil in all its forms?

When have you most recently had to choose between doing evil and doing good?

Why will you frequently be presented with the choice between doing evil or doing good?

**How has the Lord blessed your life because you have turned away from evil to do good?**

**How has the Lord been attentive to your prayers as you have turned away from evil to do good?**

**Living It Out:**

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

Turn away from evil and do good so you can live a life that the Lord will bless.

**Seeing It Happen:**

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

Have faith that the Lord will hear your prayers and bless your life as you turn away from evil to do good.

**Get Ready To Share:**

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

Share with another person or your small group how you have turned away from evil to do good.

**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?**

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**What Prayers Are You Praying Today?**

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**Prayer Of Blessing**

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

*May you turn away from evil to do good.*

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**Prayer To Carry**

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

*Lord, I will turn away from evil to do good.*

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**What Do You Want To Remember About Today?**

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**A Question To Ask God**

*(What Would You Like To Ask God?)*

*Lord, how can I turn away from evil to do good today?*

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