

HAPPINESS

Part #8

Handling Harassment for your Faith

"Happy are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires; the Kingdom of heaven belongs to them!" vs 10 GN
Matthew 5:10-12

1. The Reality of Harassment

". . . when men insult you . . ." vs 11a

2. The Reason for Harassment

". . . because you are my followers" vs. 11b

"No servant is greater than his master. If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also."
John. 15:20

"Everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."
2 Timothy 3:12

3. My Response to Harassment

Recognize _____

"We are not fighting against human beings, but against wicked spiritual forces. . ."
Ephesians 6:12 GN

Revelation 12:10

Refuse _____

"If someone does evil to you, don't pay him back with evil. . . Never take revenge. . . let God's wrath do it."

Romans 12:17 + 19 GN

I Peter 2:23

Respond _____

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

"Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
Matthew 5:44

Rejoice _____

"Be glad and happy . . .!" vs 12a

Reasons to Rejoice

It means _____

..... "If you are insulted because of Christ, you are blessed, . . . for
God's Spirit rests on you." 1 Peter 4:14

It means _____

..... "The apostles were full of joy that God considered them worthy to
suffer disgrace for Jesus' name." Acts 5:41

It is _____

..... "These troubles . . . won't last very long. Yet this short time of
distress will result in God's richest blessing upon us forever and ever!"
2 Corinthians 4:17 LB

Remember _____

"Since we are God's children . . . if we share Christ's suffering, we will
also share in his glory." Romans 8:17 GN

Remain _____

"So those who suffer according to God's will should commit themselves
to their faithful Creator and continue to do good." 1 Peter 4:19