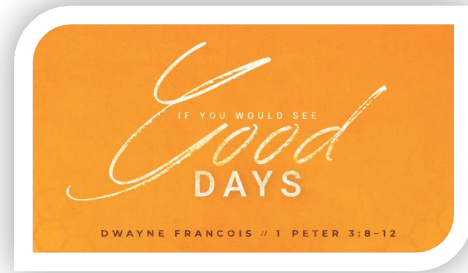


IF YOU WOULD SEE GOOD DAYS

1 PETER 3:8-12 // DWAYNE FRANCOIS
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If you are tired of the struggle with people and want to see good days be in love with God's people (1 Peter 3:8), stop retaliating over offences (1 Peter 3:9a,10-12; 1 Peter 2:21-23), and bless the world because of your calling (1 Peter 3:9b, 1 Peter 3:9a,10-12; 1 Peter 2:21-23).

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. Consider the idea of your next good day? Where will you go? Who will come with you? What will you talk about?
2. What are some new struggles that have presented themselves for you throughout the pandemic? What has your response to these struggles revealed about you?
3. Why do you think Peter has encouraged the church to aim at Uncommon Community during their struggles? Which of the five traits of 1 Peter 3:8 have you more recently experienced? What is the effect on you when one of these traits has been missing?
4. Where have you seen examples of anger over injustice resulting in sinful retaliation? How can the wrong response attempt to "ruin people God wants to redeem"?

5. Did the questions from the previous message at Harvest (*Don't Waste the Pandemic*) lead you to any conclusions that relate to this message? Have you identified any situations that require you to keep your tongue from evil and your lips from deceit? In those types of situations, what are you doing that is more consistent with the encouragement of 1 Peter 3:10-12?

6. Besides blessing, what are other appropriate responses to evil and reviling that remain consistent with God's judgement and character? Can you think of places in Scripture that demonstrate these examples?

7. As we move forward, some of our struggles will remain. What will it mean for you to seek peace and pursue it? Is there a specific situation or relationship where this immediately applies?

“The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.”- Frederick Buechner

8. How can you bring God's blessing to address an issue of deep hunger in the world? If you are not sure, try to identify two things as part of answering this question:

a) a type of service, work, or ministry to feel flows from you in a good way and

b) a broken situation around you can address with gladness?

9. Here is a list of beliefs and values that our church and Acts 29 have in common. These are Biblical ideals that shape the ongoing work of our local church. Place a checkmark beside each belief/value you share. If there are any ideas that you struggle to internalize, what will help you work with people who hold these ideas deeply?

Gospel centrality in all of life

The sovereignty of God in saving sinners

The work of the Holy Spirit for life and ministry

The equality of men and women and the principle of male servant leadership

The local church as God's primary mission strategy

Planting healthy, multiplying churches

Pursuing holiness and humility

Being a radically diverse and global community

Praying for conversions through evangelism

10. What role(s) do you think you are meant to play as we all work together to make disciples who love God and love people? What can people pray on your behalf so you can play your part full of the Holy Spirit and free from the fear of men?