

Wonderful Light ... It Feels Like Hate is Winning

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Scripture

Dear friends, I warn you as “temporary residents and foreigners” to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world. -- 1 Peter 2:11-12 (NLT)

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Finally, all of you should be of one mind. Sympathize with each other. Love each other as brothers and sisters. Be tenderhearted, and keep a humble attitude. Don't repay evil for evil. Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you. Instead, pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and he will grant you his blessing. 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.-- 1 Peter 3:8-11 (NLT)

Questions

1. What is the most challenging thing you heard in the message today? What steps are you going to take to apply it somewhere?
2. Who is “the other” that you can invite to lunch? What's the benefit of taking “the other lunch challenge?”

Recommended Podcast

I highly recommend the December 16, 2016 episode of the TED Radio Hour podcast, “Reconciliation.” Visit www.npr.org/programs/ted-radio-hour or use your favorite podcast provider.

The Other Lunch Challenge

The Other Lunch Challenge: take someone to lunch who has a different view of religion, politics, sports, sexual orientation, race, abortion, climate change, immigration, gun control, the death penalty, evangelical Christian, liberal Christian, atheist, anyone who is on the other side from you.

The purpose is not to convince them of anything, or to defend anything you believe, but to get to know them and why they believe as they do. Share personal life experiences, and talk about your families, and seek to know who they are behind the issues. The purpose is making a connection.

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