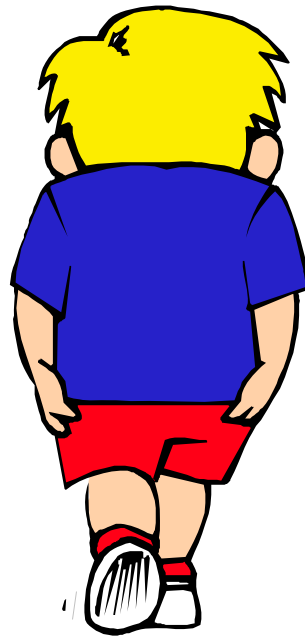


How Can we Handle BULLYING?

Part 3

Sometimes
We Must
IGNORE
BULLIES!



OUR DAILY BREAD

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SOMETHING YOU MUST KNOW:

God is perfect. He is Holy. We are all sinners. *For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*

(Romans 3:23a KJB)

None of us could ever make ourselves perfect or holy to be accepted by God. But God loves us all so much, that He gave His only Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to go to the cross and pay the penalty for our sins IN FULL, ONCE and FOR ALL. Jesus died and rose again. Because of the Lord Jesus Christ, God can now make us holy and acceptable to Himself. *For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit.* (1 Peter 3:18 KJB)

Jesus Christ is our ONLY WAY to God and heaven.

Jesus saith unto him, I am the way, the truth, and the life, no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.

(John 14:6 KJB)

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved. (Acts 16:31 KJB)

Without Jesus Christ, you can NEVER be accepted by God or go to heaven. When you believe in Jesus Christ as your Savior, God makes you His child. When you leave this world, you will spend all of eternity with Him! *But as many as received him to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.* (John 1:12 KJB) While you are still here on earth, learn His beautiful Word. Believe it and obey it, so you can enjoy all God has done for you.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom.

(Colossians 3:16a KJB)

Today we will continue answering:



“How can we handle BULLYING?”

This was a fantastic question that one of our students asked. So far in parts 1 & 2 of our lessons concerning this question, we learned that a BULLY is someone who uses LOUD MEAN WORDS to try to SCARE us into doing or not doing something. We learned that a BULLY may even try to physically hurt us to get us to obey him. Bullies always pick on people whom they think are WEAK! Bullies are FULL of PRIDE! They think they are something! But look what God calls people whose mouths are full of pride!

“ In the mouth of the foolish is a rod of pride:...”
Proverbs 14:6 KJB

We’ve also learned that God wants us to handle all our problems - INCLUDING BULLIES - WISELY - the way HE says we should handle them. By simply READING our King James Bible, we learned that sometimes the best way to handle the foolish bully is to IGNORE them & simply let God handle that bully as King David did with Shimei. Do you remember what King David said in 2 Samuel 16:11d-12 when King David’s friend wanted to kill Shimei for cursing David & throwing stones at him? Here is what

King David said:

"...let him alone, and let him curse; for the LORD hath bidden him.

It may be that the LORD will look on mine affliction, and that the LORD will requite (repay) me good for his cursing this day."

Get part 1 of this study to learn more about this situation that King David found himself in. But King David knew the Lord very well. And he learned when God would have him IGNORE bullies & when God would have him FIGHT bullies. We need to learn about that too!

Here is a COMMAND & a PROMISE from God about times we should IGNORE our enemies:



"If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine: I will repay, saith the Lord."

Romans 12:18-19 KJB

We should NEVER try to fight because we want to get EVEN with others. There ARE times though, as we will see in our study, when IGNORING the bully is NOT the way to handle him or her. There ARE times when we must fight to defend ourselves or others for safety purposes. But God does prom-

ise that when it is NOT necessary to defend ourselves from physical harm from that bully that HE will handle that bully for us as we obey Him & IGNORE them! God will do what is RIGHT about that bully who is bothering you. And when we obey God & IGNORE that bully WHEN POSSIBLE, here is God's PROMISE to His children:

Proverbs 20:22 KJB

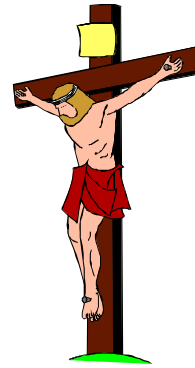
"Say not thou, I will recompense evil; *but* wait on the LORD, and he shall save thee."

Here is what King David said about God when enemies came against him & his people: Psalm 60:12 KJB

"Through God we shall do valiantly: for *he it is that shall tread down our enemies.*"

It is also very IMPORTANT for us to REMEMBER that Jesus died on the cross for that BULLY too! And even though God HATES the sins that bully is committing, God LOVES that BULLY & wants to SAVE that bully & make that bully His child. See 1Timothy 2:1-6 about that! So even though that LOUD SCARY BULLY might be verbally hurting us every chance he or she gets, here is what God says we should be doing instead of trying to hurt that bully back with mean words. Here is what we should be doing instead of living in fear of that bully:"

Romans 12:14,20-21 KJB



“Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not...

Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head.

Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.”



We are to PRAY for our enemies & DO GOOD to them when God gives us the opportunity to do so.

And just in case you are thinking that the coals of fire on his head means something BAD, it means just the OPPOSITE. You see, in the times when the bible was written, people used coals to warm themselves & for cooking. Many times they would carry these coals in baskets on their heads to wherever they were going to use them. So when God says by blessing our enemies with prayer & trying to do good for them when we can, it will be like giving them a whole bunch of “coals of fire” to help keep themselves warm or help them cook! And those are GOOD THINGS to help people with!

See that! We CAN know EXACTLY what God wants us to do just by simply READING our KING JAMES BIBLE! And so, God tells us that IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, we are to BE AT PEACE with others. And even if they DO NOT want to be at peace

with us, we are NOT to have a revenge-full attitude toward them. ONLY GOD can help us have that RIGHT ATTITUDE! Ask Him to help you have the RIGHT ATTITUDE - even toward THE BULLIES in your life!

Now even though others may think we are WEAK when we don't answer a bully back or if we simply walk away because we are trying to be at peace with others like God tells us to do, don't worry what others may think or say! Instead, it is more important to care what GOD says about you! And when you obey God, you are really being STRONG - not weak at all! And remember that if you have trusted Jesus as your Savior, He lives in you by His Spirit. And Jesus is STRONGER than ANY ONE - even the meanest bully of all - who is SATAN by the way!

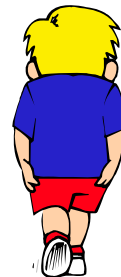
"Ye are of God, little children, and have overcome them: because greater is he that is in you, than he that is in the world." 1John4:4 KJB

So KEEP on READING & BELIEVING & OBEYING God's written word because:

"For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope."

Romans 15:4 KJB

When we READ our bibles & BELIEVE God's Word, we get to know ABOUT God. But THEN,



when we also OBEY His Word in times of trouble, we get to KNOW FOR SURE that GOD IS REAL & that HE is WITH US. God is ALWAYS helping us & guiding us each & every day! And so today we will READ our King James Bible to learn about another way that bullies sometimes need to be handled. And remember, for every BULLY that God allows in your life - ask GOD how you should handle each one. Also remember as we learned in the other lessons that God has a RIGHT REASON for allowing that BULLY to BULLY YOU! Get Part 2 for some of those reasons. Psalm 119:75 says:

"I know, O LORD, that thy judgments *are* right, and *that* thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me."

Now as we said, most often when bullies are just being LOUD MOUTHS, we are to ignore them as King David did to Shimei. 2 Samuel 16. And please understand that IGNORING that bully does NOT mean that we are to give in to what he or she is trying to get us to do. IGNORING means to keep our mouths shut & walk away when possible & let God handle that bully. Also, if that bully is threatening you with physical harm or trying to get you to do something wrong, you would be wise to tell an authority about the situation - your parents, principle, teacher, police etc. In that way, you will not only be protecting yourself but you may also be helping others whom the bully may threaten.

Now those are some ways to IGNORE the bully, but sometimes, that will NOT be possible. Sometimes we will need to FIGHT - but NOT in RE-VENGE ! If we need to fight it should be to DE-

FEND ourselves or others from physical harm & to defend what is RIGHT! Next week we will learn about a time when God did NOT have the bully IGNORED! We will see that sometimes God says it is time to FIGHT the bully! That is why it is S O O O O O **IMPORTANT**



for us to
READ
our
KING JAMES BIBLE
EVERY DAY!

This way we will KNOW WHEN
TO IGNORE THE BULLY & WHEN TO FIGHT!

See you next week for more on

**God's Promises to Remember
when you are being bullied:**

HOW CAN WE HANDLE BULLING?

Romans 8:28-29

Romans 8:31-32

Hebrews 13:5-6

Psalm 34:19

Psalm 27:1-6

MEMORIZE THEM!

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- Take Killingly St (Rt. 128) Exit; *Right* off Exit.
- Take Killingly to end; *Right* on Manton Ave; cross bridge.
- Turn *Left* at light (CVS on corner), and then bear *Left* at the split. You are now on Woonasquatucket Ave.
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- Mineral Spring Ave Exit in Providence.
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