



DON'T KNOW WHAT TO DO?

Listen Quietly. Truly there are times when the world feels like it has turned upside down (Psalm 46:2). On those days, it is wise to remain silent (Psalm 46:10), listen, and do our best not to become angry (James 1:19). After all, the more we speak, the more likely we are to sin (Proverbs 10:19), because we may jump to a conclusion about a matter without all of the facts (Proverbs 18:13). This can inhibit our ability to have a positive impact (Proverbs 17:28). Think how much quieter social media would be if we obeyed Scripture and how beneficial to our reputations (Proverbs 29:11), increasing our effectiveness when we do thoroughly respond (Proverbs 25:11-15).

Read the Bible and pray. What would our world be like if we spent as much time reading the Bible and praying as we did scrolling through social media posts or watching various news outlets? The Bible is unlike any other book (Hebrews 4:12). In the Bible, we find guidance for any problem a person could possibly face (2 Timothy 3:16-17). The Lord has also promised us He will give us wisdom about how to deal with difficult problems (Proverbs 1:20-33). The key is to take time to read and think about his word (Psalm 1), and to ask Him for wisdom (James 1:5-7). As the Lord works in us (Ephesians 2:10), He will guide us into the actions we need to take (John 15:4-11), comfort us (John 14:13-18), and give us peace (John 14:26-27).

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Focus on Discipleship. No matter what happens in the world, we must not lose sight of our call to make disciples (Matthew 28:16-20). We are careful not to hinder other believers (1 Corinthians 8:9) in their faith or to repel those who do not know Christ through our words or actions (Colossians 4:5). Though we are imperfect, if people follow us, they will grow in Christ (1 Corinthians 11:1). Nowhere is this more important than in the home (Deuteronomy 6:6-9).

Serve. During periods of crisis, people need help. As God's ambassadors (2 Corinthians 5:20), and true neighbors to those around us (Luke 10:27-37) we do our best to help them become reconciled to Christ, and to meet their needs. Though we may not know exactly how to handle a situation, tangible acts can help others and please the Lord (Matthew 25:35-40; Galatians 6:2, 10). This will result in the Lord being glorified (Matthew 5:10).



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