

**General Topics :: can't we just be good?****can't we just be good? - posted by awakenwithin (), on: 2007/3/21 2:18**

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charlene

Re: can't we just be good? - posted by ChrisJD (), on: 2007/3/21 8:01

Hi Charlene and grace to you,

I think this is an important question for us - how do we answer people and those who may be hostile or antagonistic towards us or the faith. I think it is important, among other reasons, because as our Master was so often assailed this way, by those who were seeking to catch Him or trip Him up in His words, we too may face this and the adversary may seek to stain our garments by tripping us up in our speech and getting us to falter in our words to others. So where is wisdom in this?

One of the things I have been learning is that it is alright to not answer at all! This is actually alright.

The preparations of the heart in man, and the answer of the tongue, is from the Lord. -Proverbs 16:1

We desperately need wisdom at every turn and guidance from above, to know when to speak and when not to, what to s ay, and what to withhold.

David pleads in Psalm 141

Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.

What a need it is for us too, especially when we are faced with the evil heart and mind of this world which is at enmity wit h God and which would assault Him and us with their questions.

We do not always need to answer.

I pray this will be helpfull and if not may God take it all away.

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Chris

Edit: Want to clarify something here. When I suggest that it is alright not to answer, I mean to say that not answering may be appropriate. I do not mean to suggest that this is always appropriate, just that we should consider it part of an appropriate response - no response at all, or saying very little or even that 'I don't know'. We don't always have to have an answer.

Re: can't we just be good? - posted by enid, on: 2007/3/21 8:13

A popular teaching, which is scriptural, is the so called 'good test'.

It is based on the ten commandments.

It goes over the commandments to see if a person who has broken God's law, is good in God's eyes.

Have they ever lied, stolen etc.

Fact is, we have all broken God's law. But the word of God says that the law stops mouths, Rom 3v19.

No doubt, they will probably ask you the same questions, but that could be an opportunity to show them that you needed to be saved from your sins, and the only way to forgiveness is through the blood of Jesus.

Still, seek God for wisdom and God will grant you wisdom, James 1v5.

He is so good.

And glory to God for your zeal in sharing His word.

God bless.

Re: - posted by Lor_E (), on: 2007/3/21 8:29

My husband has a great response that he has used many, many times in talking with those that consider themselves Christians:

"The thing we need to ask ourselves is: What does God think of me? Not what you or I or anyone else thinks about me, but what does God think about what I think about, what does God think about how I spend my money, what does God think about what I hold dear. That is the important question."

I agree and AMEN to learning how to have wisdom in how we answer anyone! God grant all of us this grace!!!

And that I believe that it is of the utmost importance to learn how to listen to the Holy Spirit in those times. Listening to the Word of God planted on the inside of our hearts. Sometimes it is just quiet, as only God Himself can change a heart and a mind set. But remembering to PRAY for any that struggle, that question, that seem resistant, (as the Spirit of God leads). Oftentimes when someone questions it is not only for arguing sake, but rather as they are struggling to know these things in their own hearts and establish the "truth".

Grace and Peace to you!

Lori

Re: can't we just be good? - posted by UniqueWebRev (), on: 2007/3/21 8:32

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awakenwithin wrote:

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Charlene, when someone says they love Jesus, ask them if they obey the commandments. If they don't, and don't try to obey them, and follow in Jesus' footsteps, they don't love Jesus. If they don't love Jesus the real way, they are going to hell.

Obedience is the only way we can show our love for Jesus to Him, and to others. We all fail to keep the commandments perfectly, but we have to try, and keep trying. And when we fail, we ask for forgiveness, and help to change. And then we start over again.

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I would tell her that if she doesn't love Jesus and what Jesus wants, more than she loves her own way, and her boyfriends, then she is putting them before God. That makes them Idol's, and Idol worshiping only gets you to hell.

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Charlene, if you mean no to sex, and drinking, and drugs, it means you are saying yes to Jesus, and in return, He blesses you for doing what He would like more than what you would like.

I hope this helps you help your friends.

Blessings,