

TAKE HOME SHEET



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Have I lost friendships during the past few years because of differing views/attitudes politically or socially? Are there people that I no longer see at church that have left for similar reasons?

Who do I know that has/is suffering from broken relationships this way?

How does Jesus want me to view the people around me that I disagree with politically or socially?

What are the “opportunities” around me that I could be making the most of?

Thinking about my relationship with Jesus, how might He advise me regarding my news, social media “diet”, and conversations?

What might Jesus want me to see/do differently as His soldier/ambassador?

BIBLE TRANSLATIONS:

NLT – New Living Translation

MESSAGE NOTES



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Why this series?

God wants us to act wisely right now.

Wisdom protects us from being hijacked from our primary mission.

¹⁵ So be careful how you live. Don't live like fools, but like those who are wise. ¹⁶ Make the most of every opportunity in these evil days. ¹⁷ Don't act thoughtlessly but understand what the Lord wants you to do.
Ephesians 5:15–17 (NLT)

God's priority is for followers of Jesus to help others find Him.

⁵ Live wisely among those who are not believers and make the most of every opportunity. ⁶ Let your conversation be gracious and attractive so that you will have the right response for everyone.

Colossians 4:5–6 (NLT)

²⁰ So, we are Christ's ambassadors; God is making his appeal through us. We speak for Christ when we plead, "Come back to God!"

²¹ For God made Christ, who never sinned, to be the offering for our sin, so that we could be made right with God through Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:20–21 (NLT)

Regardless of the circumstances, we are to follow His lead.

³ Endure suffering along with me, as a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴ Soldiers don't get tied up in the affairs of civilian life, for then they cannot please the officer who enlisted them.

2 Timothy 2:3–4 (NLT)

⁵⁹ As they stoned him, Stephen prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰ He fell to his knees, shouting, "Lord, don't charge them with this sin!" And with that, he died.

Acts 7:59–60 (NLT)