

Doing the Right Thing: While the wrong thing is happening to you

Opening Thoughts:

Today's conversation starter addresses what I believe is the most challenging aspect of being a man of God and serves as the true test of Christian manhood: "Doing the right thing while the wrong thing is happening to you."

We have all experienced this situation—being falsely accused of something we didn't do, having our contributions overlooked while others receive credit, or being blamed for an error committed by someone else.

- It's easy to do the right thing when positive events are happening to us.
- It's natural to act wrongly when negative events occur.
- However, it's supernatural to choose to do the right thing while facing wrongdoing.

Foundational Scripture:

(Pro 3:5-6 NKJV) ⁵Trust in the LORD with all your heart, And lean not on your own understanding; ⁶In all your ways acknowledge Him, And He shall direct your paths.

(1Pe 2:19-21 NKJV) ¹⁹For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God. ²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps.

Conversation Starters:

- 1. How do these scriptures resonate with you as you face this challenge?
- 2. Is there an area in your life where you need to trust God for justice, and can you lean into that during this season?
- 3. Do you have a testimony or a word of encouragement that you could share with someone currently going through this struggle?
- 4. What are 2-3 important things to remember when dealing with this issue, especially when you are doing the right thing while experiencing wrongs against you?

Bonus - Next Level Question:

A man who exemplified this quality was Joseph in the New Testament. Read the brief accounts of his life in Matthew 2 and Luke 1, and share the insights you can gain from his experiences about doing the right thing while the wrong thing is happening.

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