

1 Peter 2:13-25 (NLT) God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. ²⁰ Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

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²¹ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps.

1 Peter 2:13-25 (NLT) ²² He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.

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1 Peter 2:13-25 (NLT) ²⁴ He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

1 Peter 2:13-25 (NLT) By his wounds you are healed. ²⁵ Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the **Guardian of your souls.**

Romans 5:3-4 (NLT) We can rejoice, too, when we run into problems and trials, for we know that they help us develop endurance.⁴ And endurance develops strength of character, and character strengthens our confident hope of salvation.

Romans 12:2 (NLT) Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will learn to know God's will for you, which is good and pleasing and perfect [mature].

Hebrews 12:7-11 (NIV) Endure hardship as discipline. ¹⁰ ...God disciplines us for our good, that we may share in his holiness. ¹¹ No discipline seems pleasant at the time, but painful. Later on, however, it produces a harvest of righteousness and peace for those who have been trained by it.

