

This is Us
What About Unbelievers?
2 Timothy 2:24-26

Genesis 2 ¹⁸ *It is not good for the man to be alone. (NIV)*

Proverbs 12 ²⁶ *The righteous choose their friends carefully, but the way of the wicked leads them astray. (NIV)*

1 Corinthians 15 ³³ *Do not be misled: "Bad company corrupts good character." (NIV)*

2 Corinthians 6 ¹⁴ *Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? (ESV)*

1. We need to be a light and a blessing to unbelievers.

Matthew 5 ¹⁶ *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. (NIV)*

2. We need to be wise in our friendships with unbelievers.

Colossians 4 ⁵ *Live wisely among those who are not believers, and make the most of every opportunity. (NLT)*

Ephesians 5 ¹⁵ *Be very careful, then, how you live—not as unwise but as wise, ¹⁶ making the most of every opportunity, because the days are evil. ¹⁷ Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the Lord's will is.*

3. We need to be patient and kind to unbelievers.

2 Timothy 2 ²⁴ *The Lord's servant must not quarrel, but must be gentle to everyone, able to teach, and patient, ²⁵ instructing his opponents with gentleness. Perhaps God will grant them repentance leading them to the knowledge of the truth. ²⁶ Then they may come to their senses and escape the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will. (CSB)*

1 Peter 3 ¹⁵ *Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. (NIV)*

4. We need to pray in intercession for unbelievers.

James 5 ¹⁶ *The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. (NIV)*

2 Peter 3 ⁹ *The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.*

Matthew 9 ⁹ *As Jesus went on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him. (NIV)*

Matthew 9 ¹¹ *When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?" (NIV)*

Matthew 9 ¹² Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. ¹³ But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."(NIV)