

1. Because blessing <u>awaits</u> you, you can bless those who insult you.

1 Peter 3:8-14

We bless because we've been blessed and because we'll be blessed <u>eternally</u>.

<u>Suffering</u> is not the opposite of <u>blessing</u>.

Matthew 5:11-12

2. You honor Christ when you answer <u>critics</u> like He did.



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Your <u>calling</u> is to influence your world with Jesus.

Matthew 5:43-48

3. If you suffer for doing good, it won't catch God by <u>surprise</u>.



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Not only is God in control of who's in control, but He's also in control when your life seems <u>out of</u> control . . .

Not only did Jesus provide your pardon, but He also provided a <u>pattern</u> for you to "follow in His steps".

