

SERMON OUTLINE

Blessed - The Blessing of Facing Persecution

Intro: Matthew 5:10-12

2 Timothy 3:12

I. Things to remember

- a. Remember that opposition makes you _____ Jesus
 - i. John 15:18-20
 - ii. 1 Peter 4:14
- b. Remember that opposition _____ your faith
 - i. 1 Peter 1:7
 - ii. Opposition can be turned into an opportunity to...
 1. Remind you that God is _____ (Joshua 1:9)
 2. Remind you that God will _____ for you (Romans 8:28a)
- c. Remember that opposition leads to _____ blessings (Matthew 5:10a, 12a)

II. Things to not do

- a. Do not be _____ (1 Peter 4:12)
- b. Do not be _____ (1 John 4:18; 1 John 4:10; 1 Peter 3:14-15a)
- c. Do not be _____ (1 Peter 4:16)
- d. Do not forget the _____ of the opposition (1 Peter 5:8-9; Ephesians 6:12; Luke 23:34; Colossians 2:13b-14)
- e. Do not _____ (Matthew 5:11; Romans 12:17-18)
- f. Do not forget to _____ them (Romans 12:21; Luke 6:27; Romans 5:3)

This week, I will ...

- Connect with God's Word and memorize _____
- Remember to turn my opposition into an _____
- Honor God in public restaurants by _____ for my meal