

## Good People - cont.

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### Doing Nothing

Sometimes good people do nothing when ...

- Children need disciplining (1 Samuel 3:13; 1 Kings 1:6).
- Battles need fighting (Numbers 32:6,23; Judges 5:23).
- Brethren need supporting (Obadiah 11).
- The wicked need warning (Ezekiel 3:18).
- God's word needs obeying (Matthew 7:26).
- Truth needs defending (Matthew 27:24).
- The helpless need assisting (Luke 10:31-32).
- Error needs exposing (Ephesians 5:7-11).

Yes, there are times when good people, like us, do nothing. Knowing this reality, let us always do good and let us always try to stop the evil that exists around us. - Chris Reeves

## - Word of the Week -

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### - Chastening -

“Chastening” (Gr. *paideia*), meant first teaching or training, then correction or discipline. Even though chastening today is negative, it is good for us. God, through life events (Heb. 12:5-11) and scripture (2 Tim. 3:16), corrects us. This makes us a better person and we are thankful for it.

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For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.  
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-4 -

# When Good People Do Nothing

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*“All that is necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing”*  
- Edmund Burke -

*To him therefore that knows to do good, and does it not, to him it is sin.*  
- James 4:17 -

One of the great challenges in living the Christian life is to live in such a way as to get involved in stopping evil around us. Yes, we try to live as good as possible, and this is good, but it is challenging to speak to others and try to stop them from the evil that is in their life. What we may not realize is that when we fail to act and do, then it allows evil to triumph. In other words, it's not enough just to be good, we must also act in such a way as to try and stop the evil around us.

## **We Must Do Good**

Am I saying that a Christian must not try to be good. Well, of course not. We can and must be good. We can and must live by the standard of good presented in the Bible. Here are some biblical admonitions that teach the importance of being and doing good:

- We must depart from evil and do

good - *“And let him turn away from evil, and do good; Let him seek peace, and pursue it”* (1 Peter 3:11; see also Psa. 34:14; 37:27).

- We must do good even to our enemies - *“And if ye do good to them that do good to you, what thank have ye? for even sinners do the same”* (Luke 6:33).
- We must follow Jesus' example of doing good - *“even Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed him with the Holy Spirit and with power: who went about doing good, and healing all that were oppressed of the devil; for God was with him”* (Acts 10:38).
- We must do good to please God - *“But to do good and to communicate forget not: for with such sacrifices God is well pleased”* (Hebrews 13:16).

## **When Good People Do Nothing**

Clearly, a Christian needs to be and do good. However, that is not enough. When a Christian, who does good, also fails to stop evil, problems will arise. Here are some things that will happen when a good person fails to try and stop evil:

- They get nothing good done - *“And he*

*also that had received the one talent came and said, Lord, I knew thee that thou art a hard man, reaping where thou didst not sow, and gathering where thou didst not scatter; and I was afraid, and went away and hid thy talent in the earth: lo, thou hast thine own. But his lord answered and said unto him, Thou wicked and slothful servant, thou knewest that I reap where I sowed not, and gather where I did not scatter; thou oughtest therefore to have put my money to the bankers, and at my coming I should have received back mine own with interest”* (Matthew 25:25-26).

- They help evil to triumph - *“In the prophets of Jerusalem also I have seen a horrible thing: they commit adultery, and walk in lies; and they strengthen the hands of evil-doers, so that none doth return from his wickedness: they are all of them become unto me as Sodom, and the inhabitants thereof as Gomorrah”* (Jeremiah 23:14).
- They are no longer good - *“To him therefore that knows to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin”* (James 4:17).

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