

# WHAT DOES THE BIBLE SAY ABOUT GETTING ALONG WITH THE UNSAVED WORLD

**INTRO:** The purpose of this lesson is to show Christians how to live a balanced & consistent life in order to influence people for the Lord Jesus Christ, without the world influencing them for evil.

## I. WHY SHOULD CHRISTIANS RECEIVE OPPOSITION FROM SOCIETY?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** JN 15:18-21 II TIM 3:12

**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. You will be opposed because Jesus was opposed. John 15:18-21
2. All who live godly will be opposed by society. II Tim 3:12

## II. WHERE WILL THIS OPPOSITION COME FROM?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** MATT 10:35-36 JN 1:11 MK 6:4 GAL 4:29  
I JN 2:15-17 JAMES 4:4 I PET 5:8 EPH 2:2 II COR 11:13-15; 2:11

**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. Your primary opposition will come from those closest to you-family, friends, fellow workers, and acquaintances. Matt 10:35-36; John 1:11; Mark 6:4
2. From unsaved people around you. The two families have never gotten along. Gal 4:29
3. From society in general. The nature & course of this present world is away from God. You will encounter this opposition subtly-media, TV, radio, newspapers-we must judge right & wrong by the Word of God. I Jn 2:15; James 4:4
4. From Satan himself. I Peter 5:8; Eph 2:2; II Cor 11:13-15; 2:11

## III. HOW CAN I OVERCOME THIS OPPOSITION?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** PROV 15:1 ROM 12:14-21 PROV 16:6-7  
I JN 5:4-5 MATT 5:44 PROV 13:20 I COR 15:33  
ROM 12:1-2 MARK 14:38 II TIM 2:15

**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. Give a soft answer. Prov 15:1
2. Avoid arguments. Rom 12:18
3. Be kind and truthful. Prov 16:6-7
4. Remember, Christians will one day be on top. I John 5:4-5
5. Be good even to you enemies. Rom 12:14; 20-21
6. Pray for your enemies with pure motives. Matt 5:44
7. Keep good company. Associate with people who love God, who want to serve Him, & who want to please Him. Prov 13:20; I Cor 15:33
8. Dedicate you & yours to God's service. Rom 12:1-2
9. Pray daily & watch carefully. Mark 14:38
10. Study God's Word thoroughly. II Tim 2:15

## IV. HOW SHOULD THE LOST WORLD VIEW YOU AS A CHRISTIAN?

**THE BIBLE SAYS:** II COR 6:14-18 I PET 2:9 II COR 8:21  
ROM 12:17 PHIL 2:14-15 MATT 5:16 COL 4:6

**FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. Your lifestyle should separate you from the unsaved people you meet-your behavior should appear peculiar to them. II Cor 6:14-18; I Peter 2:9
2. They should see us as honest in all matters. II Cor 8:21; Rom 12:17
3. They should see a sweet attitude in you in your daily life. Phil 2:14-15
4. They should see a willingness to help others. Matt 5:16
5. Your speech should always be Christ-like. Col 4:6 (conversation-response-message)

## **V. HOW SHOULD I VIEW THE WORLD?**

### **THE BIBLE SAYS:**

**HEB 11:13**

**I PET 2:11-12**

**EPH 2:2**

**PHIL 3:20**

**ACTS 1:8**

**MATT 28:18-20**

### **FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. We are strangers & pilgrims here. Heb 11:13; I Peter 2:11-12
2. This world is not our home-heaven is. Eph 2:6; Phil 3:20
3. Your world is a mission field to reach for Christ. Acts 1:8; Matt 28:18-20

## **VI. WHAT IS MY RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT?**

### **THE BIBLE SAYS:**

**ROM 13:1-2**

**ACTS 5:27-29**

**ROM 13:6-7**

### **FROM THIS WE LEARN:**

1. Recognize that while governments are controlled by Satan, we are to submit to law. Rom 13:1-2
2. Whenever government opposes God, we must submit to the Higher Power. Acts 5:27-29
3. Render to government what is due by law. Rom 13:6-7
4. Honor those in authority. Rom 13:7