

THE BEATITUDES OF JESUS

(1) Those with a heart to follow Jesus should expect persecution.

John 15:20

"Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have persecuted me, they will also persecute you; ..." 2 Timothy 3:12 "Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution." (1) Those with a heart to follow Jesus should expect persecution.

(2) Persecution is the world's attempt to suppress God's people.

(3) Persecution should have a sanctifying effect on God's people.

Living for Christ in the Face of Persecution

Matthew 5:10-12

1. What's going on if you're not facing persecution?

2. How do you respond when you are faced with persecution?

3. Why choose to stand in the face of persecution?

1. What's going on if you're not facing persecution? A. Maybe you're too isolated. B. Maybe you're hiding your faith. C. Maybe you've become too much like the world.

2. How do you respond when you are faced with persecution? A. Ask God for wisdom. **B.** Sometimes He wants you to stay; sometimes He wants you to flee.