

The Struggles that Surround us - 2

This is totally your study. Nobody will be instructing you and nobody will be grading you. It will just be you, your Bible, these lessons, your own paper, and of course, the Holy Spirit guiding and teaching you.

STRUGGLE	Harming Other People
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What standard are we supposed to live by? (Matt. 7:12; Luke 6:31)

Why do people hurt other people? (Matthew 15:19)

How important is the condition of our own heart (our spiritual life)? (Prov. 4:23)

What is the earthly stuff Paul mentions that causes us to harm people? (Col 3:5)

How should we pray? (Psalm 51:10)

What is the alternative instead of harming others? (Romans 13:10)

All of us are capable of hurting someone on purpose. It could be the way we treat people, the way we talk to them. Oh, yes – there is verbal abuse. I have done it and I am ashamed. Worse yet, there is physical abuse. I have done that too. Why do we do it?

If love is an alternative to harming someone, how do we show that love?

(Matthew 5:44)

The Bible talks about loving our enemies. Those enemies could be mean strangers or they could be people in your family. Ouch!!

Discuss more ways to show love instead of harming or holding a grudge.

(Luke 6:27) _____

(Leviticus 19:18) _____

(Romans 12:14) _____

How does harming others affect your relationship with God? (1 John 4:8)

What does God say about revenge?

(Romans 12:19) _____

(Proverbs 24:29) _____

If a person truly trusts in the Lord for his personal salvation and daily living, what quality does God provide to us? (Philippians 4:7) _____

It also appears that what we think in our minds, and what we focus on through our day makes a difference in how we treat others?

What should our minds focus on (of course, it's hard)?

(Isaiah 26:3) _____

(Romans 8:6) _____

(Philippians 4:8) _____

What should we do if we are mad at someone?

(Mark 11:25) _____

(Colossians 3:13) _____

Don't forget to pray. Explain.

(Psalm 55:22) _____

(1 Thess. 5:17) _____

(Ephesians 4:27) _____