

CONVICTION

STANDING FOR WHAT IS RIGHT EVEN WHEN OTHERS DON'T.



EPHESIANS 5:8-9

DAY 1

Have you ever stared up at the ceiling after lights out trying to make out the faint shapes you see above you? Does the darkness start to play tricks on you? The dark doesn't exactly help to see things clearly. But if you turn on the light, everything becomes clear.

The same is true with a relationship with God. Before you start to follow God, you are in the dark. You can't see which way to go or know how to live the best way. But when you realize how much God loves you and that His plan is the best plan for you, you're in the light. You can stand with conviction and point other people toward God too. Everyone who follows God shines His light in the world so that others can follow Him, too.

Turn off all the lights and grab a blanket and a flashlight. Huddle up under the blanket with someone from your family. Talk about ways that you can stand up for what's right this week so that others can see God.

THANK God for helping you stand with conviction and lead others to follow Him too.

ROMANS 12:21

DAY 2

Can you think of a time when someone hurt you or was mean to you? When that happened, did you want to be mean back? Most of the time, we just want to get even. But conviction means that we to choose a different way, a better way. Sometimes, standing for what's right doesn't mean standing for what's fair. So, instead of repaying someone back in a hurtful way, we should respond with kindness and patience. You can only overcome evil with good. And because God IS good, you can be sure that He is with you.

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ASK God to show conviction by overcoming evil with good.

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2 THESSALONIANS 3:13

DAY 3

Have you ever spent the entire day at the pool or on the beach? Have you ever been to Six Flags or Disney World or a water park? When all the fun was done, how did you feel? The best kind of tired, right? Going and going and going all day long can wear you out—even when you're having a ton of fun!

Our bodies need rest, especially when we're tired. But today's verse says there's something we should never become tired of: Never ever get tired of doing the right thing. Even when you're the only one or when it seems easier to choose a different way, doing the RIGHT thing is still the RIGHT thing. Conviction protects relationships, keeps you out of trouble and leaves you with no regrets. So, the next time you're tempted to just ditch the right thing for the EASY thing, remember this verse and NEVER, EVER, EVER get tired of doing the right thing.

Write out this verse on an index card and tape it over the clock on your bedside table. If you don't have a clock, tape it to the bedpost where you will see it each night when you go to bed and each morning when you wake up.

LOOK at your verse and be reminded to NEVER, EVER get tired of doing the right thing.

JOHN 16:33

DAY 4

When you stand with conviction, even if you're the only one, you allow other people to see God at work. See, in this world you will have trouble. Your heavenly Father knows that doing the right thing is hard sometimes. He knows that the people around you might not always "get it." But be encouraged! God has won the battle over the world. You're on the winning side. God will help you stand up for what is right and ultimately, right WILL win.

So, even when you think you're the only one, even when you think it doesn't make any difference, even when you think no one will notice anyway, always choose conviction. Because God is on your side. And with God, you win.

Grab a piece of paper and a pen. Draw a line down the center vertically and horizontally so that your paper is divided into four sections. Brainstorm some situations where you had to show conviction this month. You can write a sentence or draw a picture inside each square. Then find a red marker (or another bright color) and write the words "GOD WINS" in large block letters over each of the four sections.

REMEMBER that you are always on the winning side when you choose conviction.

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