

Luke 9:62 “Anyone who starts to plow and then keeps looking back is of no use for the Kingdom of God.”

Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, let your mind dwell on these things.”

2. The eight descriptive words of Philippians 4:8 are eight **FILTERS**.

B. Choose **SELF-DISCIPLINE**. (1 Peter 1:13-14)

1. Be self-disciplined enough to **THINK** God’s way so that you will choose God’s way.

2 Corinthians 10:5 “We use our powerful God-tools for smashing warped philosophies, tearing down barriers erected against the truth of God, fitting every loose thought and emotion and impulse into the structure of life shaped by Christ.” (MSG)

2. **DON’T ALLOW OUR TROUBLES TO CONTAMINATE OUR CLOSEST RELATIONSHIPS.** (1 Peter 1:22)

Galatians 5:14-15 “The entire law is summed up in a single command: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’¹⁵ If you keep on biting and devouring each other, watch out or you will be destroyed by each other.” (NIV)

3. **DON’T ALLOW OUR TROUBLES TO CONTAMINATE OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH GOD.** (1 Peter 1:17- 21)

A. Though others might turn away from God in the tough times of life, I will be **FAITHFUL** to Him and His principles.



Making Right Decisions in Hurtful Times



Part Three

1 Peter 1:13-22

1. THOUGH OTHERS DO WRONG TOWARD YOU, CHOOSE TO DO RIGHT IN RETURN. (1 Peter 1:13-16)

A. Prepare your **MIND** for action. (1 Peter 1:13)

Isaiah 43:18 *“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See I am doing a new thing!”*

1. There are three things we must let go:

a. Our **FAILURES**.

b. Our hurts.

c. Our **SUCSESSES**.

B. My faith and my hope is in **GOD** no matter what kind of days I am living through.