

CHRISTIAN RESPONSE TO EVIL

Scripture Reading: 2Cor. 4:7-10

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Introduction:

1. One does not have to look far to see all the evil that is in the world today.
2. We must deal with evil in a godly manner.
3. To accomplish this, we must...

I. UNDERSTAND EVIL

A. EVOLUTIONIST ARGUMENT

1. God is all-powerful and all-loving, yet evil exist.
2. However, evil is a biblical (or theological) term. -cf. Rom 7:7

B. FREEWILL

1. Animals are driven by instinct -e.g. Bird flying south for the winter.
2. God gave man freewill.
 - a. Garden of Eden
 - b. Cain and Abel
3. We are motivated to obey by love, not instinct -Jn 14:15

II. TAKE PROACTIVE STEPS AGAINST EVIL

A. PERSONAL:

1. We must study -Hos 4:6; 2Ti 2:15
2. We must be committed, otherwise we will not persuade others.

B. FAMILY:

1. Teach biblical lessons -De 6:6-9; Ep 6:4
2. Teach by doing -Ja 1:22; Mt 7:24-ff

C. CHURCH:

1. We spur one another on to love and good works -He 10:24, 25
2. We do not want to lose anyone back to the world -Ga 6:1

D. COMMUNITY:

1. Individually -our example before others -Mt 5:13-16; 1Ti 4:12
2. Collectively -We should have favor before men -Ac 2:46, 47

Conclusion:

1. Amid evil, let us never become discouraged, but shine our lights -Ph 2:14-16
2. The first century church grew and flourished in an environment that did not want it.
3. God's hand is always with us!