

Here are three letters from some Christian friends who need advice on how to handle persecution. Using the Bible verses given, can you give them the advice from the Lord?

WHAT SHOULD I DO?

Dear . . .

While I was at school the other day some kids called me names and made fun of me because I was reading my Bible. Do I still have to love them and include them in my prayers? -Tucker

Dear . . .

Last Saturday when I went shopping with my friends, I found that they were taking some things without paying for them.

I told them it was wrong, but they laughed at me and made fun of me. I feel just awful. Can you give me some encouragement?

Scarlett

DEAR . . .

I AM SO AFRAID TO TELL MY FRIENDS ABOUT THE LORD ANYMORE AFTER WHAT HAPPENED. I TRIED TO TELL A GOOD FRIEND ABOUT JESUS A WHILE AGO AND NOW HE WON'T EVEN TALK TO ME. HE EVEN SAYS BAD THINGS ABOUT ME TO OTHER PEOPLE.

I JUST CAN'T UNDERSTAND. PLEASE HELP!

JAMES

Tucker:

(Matthew 5:44)

Scarlett:

(Matthew 5:12)

James:

(1 Peter 2:20)

