

DO OTHERS “C J C N U”?

(See Jesus Christ in You)

Story Time

Annie was in the 7th grade, yet she could not figure out how to fit in with the other girls. At school they rarely spoke to her. She was never invited to their homes or their parties. And they acted as if she weren't good enough to fit into their clique at school. Annie was considered awkward and different; but, she really was just hurting and lonely for a friend. However, there was one girl, a popular cheerleader with many friends, whose heart went out to Annie. Katelin began inviting Annie over after school, including Annie at the lunch table, and sticking up for her when other girls spread gossip. Katelin really liked Annie and the two became friends. This new friendship made Annie's life a little more bearable; but, overall, 7th grade was rough for her.

In 8th grade, a tragedy hit Annie's family when her brother, a high school junior, was killed in a car accident. All of a sudden the other girls seemed interested in Annie, but, it was the girl who had befriended Annie when no one else did who rose to the occasion. Katelin immediately left school when she heard the tragic news and went to Annie's house to comfort her.

Katelin spent several days and nights with her grieving friend. She prayed with Annie, but mostly she hugged Annie as they cried together. Without saying a word she comforted Annie just by being with her. Katelin's life of consistent **goodness** toward her hurting friend allowed Annie to see the light of Jesus Christ in Katelin.

Talk About It | Read each question aloud and share your thoughts.

1. **Read** aloud Matthew 5:14-16. Like Katelin, **what** good things can you do during school, extra-curricular activities (such as band or sports), or even at home, that would allow others to see the “light of Christ” and His **goodness** shine through you?
2. **Read** aloud Titus 2:12-14 and Titus 3:1-2. **Think about** the names of several classmates and **share how** they live their lives in such a good way that you can see the goodness of Jesus in them.
3. You may have been accused of doing something wrong or unkind even though it wasn't true. **Check** the boxes if you have ever been falsely accused of:
 lying cheating gossiping stealing bullying drinking



Know It | GOODNESS is being God-like—showing virtue, honesty, and moral excellence and consistency, without hypocrisy. It is the opposite of bad or evil.

Grow it | Let us not become weary in doing GOOD, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.
Galatians 6:9



4. **Read** aloud 1 Peter 2:12. Notice the Apostle Peter encourages you, as a Christian, to live a **good** life, even though others may falsely accuse you of wrongdoing, so that they may still C J C N U. That's hard without the help of God's Holy Spirit. **Share** your experience of having been falsely accused.
5. Sometimes we grow tired of being judged by others, especially when they don't know the truth about how we really are! In Galatians 6:9-10, the Apostle Paul encourages us to not get tired of doing the right thing! **Read** the verses aloud and **fill in** the blanks:
 Let us not become weary in _____, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have *opportunity*, let us _____ to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. *Galatians 6:9-10*
6. **Share** a time that you, like Katelin, stepped up to do something **good** for someone else.

Live It | Ask JC 2 help U C

Galatians 6:10 says "as we have *opportunity*, let us do **good** to all people. Sometimes we don't do good toward someone because we don't SEE the *opportunity*."

Make a habit of asking God to open your eyes to SEE the needs of others and help you do **good** so that they may C J C N U.

Read It | Search God's Truth for answers to the discussion questions.

Matthew 5:14-16 (*Jesus speaking*)¹⁴ You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden. ¹⁵ Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. ¹⁶ In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your GOOD deeds and praise your Father in heaven.

Titus 2:12-14 ¹² It [God's grace] teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, ¹³ while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, ¹⁴ who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is GOOD.

Titus 3:1-2 ¹ Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is GOOD, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men.

1 Peter 2:12 NIV People who don't believe might say you are doing wrong. But lead GOOD lives among them. Then they will see your GOOD deeds. And they will give glory to God on the day He comes to judge.

Galatians 6:9-10 (*Goodness Memory Verse—vs.9*) ⁹ Let us not become weary in doing GOOD, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. ¹⁰ Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do GOOD to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers.