

How to Handle UNJUST ACCUSATIONS As a Christian

Acts 25

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- Can a righteous person that loves God encounter unjust accusations? vs. 7
- Some of the godliest people that ever walked the earth have been accused of much _____. Luke 23:1-2, 10; Mark 15:3-5
 - ⇒ Nobody encountered more unjust accusations than our Savior, Jesus Christ.
- Why does this occur in our lives? What is the right way to handle it? Of course, the Bible has the answer to these questions.

First, why do righteous people encounter unjust accusations?

- _____ – Acts 13:45, 17:5; cf. Matthew 27:18
 - ⇒ Beware of envy. It is a work of the _____. Galatians 5:21
- Anger and _____ – Acts 23:12-14
 - ⇒ Envy turns to hatred if not repented of.
 - ⇒ *"For we ourselves also were sometimes foolish, disobedient, deceived, serving divers lusts and pleasures, living in malice and envy, hateful, and hating one another."* **Titus 3:3**
- _____ – Acts 21:27
 - ⇒ Bitterness is also associated with evil _____.

⇒ *"Let all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking, be put away from you, with all malice."* **Ephesians 4:31**

What is the right way to respond to unjust accusations?

- Search your heart and honestly evaluate whether _____ part of the accusation could be true.
 - ⇒ *"He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy."* **Proverbs 28:13**
- When confronted with unjust accusations, simply tell the _____. Acts 25:8; cf. 24:10-13
- Do not allow yourself to get _____.
 - ⇒ *"At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me: I pray God that it may not be laid to their charge."* **2 Timothy 4:16**
- Resist the temptation to seek _____.
Romans 12:19-21
- Ultimately, you must leave it with God and allow Him to fill you with _____.
 - ⇒ God will be the final judge and will vindicate you in His time. The verdict of _____ stands above the verdict of history.