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**What About Evil**

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**Charlie Kirk was assassinated last Wednesday. He was interacting with a crowd of some 3000 people at Utah Valley University shortly after noon when a single gunshot rang out. Charlie clutched his neck and fell off his chair on stage to the screams of on lookers.**

**Charlie Kirk was an unabashed Christian conservative who loved interacting with Turning Point USA audience members promoting the proposition that Jesus Christ died so that those of us who believe in Him could live on after our own death.**

**The question remains: How are you expected to fight evil? I’m no expert on the subject, but I can speak to the issue as an American Christian elder. Charlie was right. First, accept Jesus Christ as the guy who gave it all up so you could live forever. Second, reject evil every time you recognize it. How do you recognize evil, you ask? It’s negativity in all its forms. That’s it! That’s all there is to it!**

**What about wishful thinking? Is that evil? Of course! Wishing is not praying; it gets you nowhere; it means nothing; it’s useless! If you want something, be positive about it. Ask God for His blessing and go get it!**

**What about negative thoughts flooding your mind after a dispute with a friend or loved one. That can be some of the worst kind of evil. That’s when you have to stop for a second … and ask Jesus for help replacing those evil thoughts with genuine love and appreciation!**

**How about worrying. Another evil? Worry is all wrapped up in the question, “What if?” This assumes that tomorrow will come. There’s no guarantee of that, is there? You have a negative guarantee. Only God knows what’s next, and He loves you, so why worry? It just makes room for negativity, the vilest evil.**

**Today’s science has shown happy people live very long lives. Talk with really old people and most will tell you it does get tougher every day, but living can be so much fun if you let it. It helps keep evil away from the door. They are all thankful that God has helped them stay happy and healthy for so many years.**

**Here’s an example that demonstrates evil very clearly. You stub your toe! It hurts like Hell and you yell, “Owww!” If you let evil in just then, the pain will take its time subsiding. On the other hand, if you take just a split-second to thank Jesus it isn’t broken, the pain will go away almost instantly.**

**Finally, they say if you’ve lived in the dark all your life, you would have no appreciation for light. By the same token, as Charlie Kirk argued, you wouldn’t recognize evil if there wasn’t good to compare it with.**

**Don’t fret! God will always be there when you …**

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