

BACK-IT-UP <<

EACH DAY THIS WEEK, take a look at what else the Bible says about taking a bold stand for God and about the effect that our relationships can have on our influence for Christ.

ROMANS 12:1-2

“Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”

PRACTICE: What can you do differently today to honor Jesus with your attitude, words, and actions?

PRAY: Ask God to help you live by the pattern of *His* Word rather than the pattern of the world.

2 CORINTHIANS 5:17

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old has gone, the new has come!”

PRACTICE: What old habit or behavior can you break or change starting today?

PRAY: Ask Jesus to help you reflect on His “newness” in your life each new day.

EPHESIANS 2:10

“For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.”

PRACTICE: In what practical way can you help or serve someone today?

PRAY: Give thanks to God for the abilities and opportunities He gives you to honor Him.

GALATIANS 2:20

“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

PRACTICE: In what specific ways will people see Jesus’ character through your life today?

PRAY: Thank Jesus for giving His life for you and for living through you.

2 CORINTHIANS 6:17–18

“Therefore come out from them and be separate, says the Lord. Touch no unclean thing, and I will receive you. I will be a Father to you, and you will be my sons and daughters, says the Lord Almighty.”

PRACTICE: In what way do you need to separate yourself from ungodly behavior today?

PRAY: Pray for wisdom and strength to avoid spiritually compromising situations.

1 PETER 2:11–12

“Dear friends, I urge you, as aliens and strangers in the world, to abstain from sinful desires, which war against your soul. Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.”

PRACTICE: Demonstrate God’s love and kindness toward as many people as you can.

PRAY: Ask God to help you live with an eternal perspective rather than an earthly one.



God created you with the ability to honor Him and make a positive difference in the world. Your life will have the most meaning, joy, and purpose when you determine to live it the way God intended. “Doing your own thing” will never bring you the peace, comfort, and fulfillment that you can have by following Christ. If you’re not afraid to be different for Jesus, He can use you to lead others to Him.