

# **Work To Maintain It**

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## **Psalms 34:14 – Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it.**

Well this scripture certainly gives us clear instruction, huh?!!

Turn away from evil. What is evil?

Definition of evil: wicked, bad, wrong, immoral, sinful, foul, vile, dishonorable, corrupt, iniquitous, depraved, reprobate, villainous, nefarious, vicious, malicious

And do good. What is good?

Definition of good: virtue, righteousness, goodness, morality, integrity, rectitude

Search for peace. What is peace?

Definition of peace: freedom from disturbance; quiet and tranquility, calm, restfulness, peace and quiet, peacefulness, quiet, quietness

Work to maintain it. What does maintain mean?

Definition of maintain: preserve, conserve, keep, retain, keep going, keep alive, keep up, prolong, perpetuate, sustain, carry on, continue

So I could come up with any number of sentences that help me remember this. To help me remember that I have to do my part in this life here on earth too. That it's not just about God doing His part, because He... is faithful to the end. It's about what I'm doing to bring about freedom from this world and it's snares as well.

Sentence #1: Turn away from the dishonorable thing and walk in integrity, find a resting place and work to prolong it.

Sentence #2: Turn away from wrong and have virtue, find freedom from disturbance and preserve it.

Friends, this verse alone says loud and clear that it's inevitable that we will run into temptations, snares, struggles, problems, and danger. It also suggests that we do our part when we are faced with these hard facts to stand opposite of them and work that thing! Give it all you have WHILE asking the Lord for His strength! Praise Him in your storm! Don't give up!!

Joy comes in the morning! Hallelujah!!!!!!

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