

“Why Does a Good God Allow Bad Things to Happen?”

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I. The Reality - Life is _____ .

II Chronicles 19:7 (emphasis added) – “Now let the fear of the Lord be on you. Judge carefully, for **with the Lord our God there is no injustice** or partiality or bribery.”

A. Good people are _____ .

Ecclesiastes 8:14 (NCV - Emphasis added) – “Sometimes something useless happens on earth. **Bad things happen to good people, and good things happen to bad people.**”

B. Accomplished people are _____ .

Ecclesiastes 9:11 - “I also saw something else here on earth: The fastest runner does not always win the race, the strongest soldier does not always win the battle, the wisest does not always have food, the smartest does not always become wealthy, and the talented one does not always receive praise.”

II. The Reasons Life is unfair.

A. God gives us the _____ .

II Corinthians 3:17 (Emphasis added) – “Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

B. To demonstrate our need for a _____ .

Ecclesiastes 3:16-18 (Emphasis added) – “I also saw this here on earth: Where there should have been justice, there was evil; where there should have been right, there was wrong. I said to myself, God has planned a time for every thing and every action, so he will judge both good and bad. ¹⁸I decided that God leaves it the way it is to **test people** and to show them they are just like animals.”

III. The Response

A. _____ **that life is unfair.**

John 16:33 - “In the world you will have trouble.”

B. Do the _____ **always.**

Isaiah 1:17 – “Learn to do right; seek justice. Defend the oppressed. Take up the cause of the fatherless; plead the case of the widow.”

Romans 12:17-21

C. **Wait for God's** _____ .

II Corinthians 4:17 - “For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all.”