

A Recipe for Peace

What do kindness, gentleness and patience have in common? They are all things many of us need to increase in our lives!

In 2 Timothy 2:24, I am struck by Paul's direction for the young pastor Timothy to grow in these character qualities as well as others. Not many leadership books list these qualities. Not many people who face hard or discouraging situations think of them. Yet, as Paul commissions Timothy to pastor the Ephesian church with all its challenges, he points him to rightly handle God's Word, to stay spiritually cleansed and to pursue these qualities in his life.

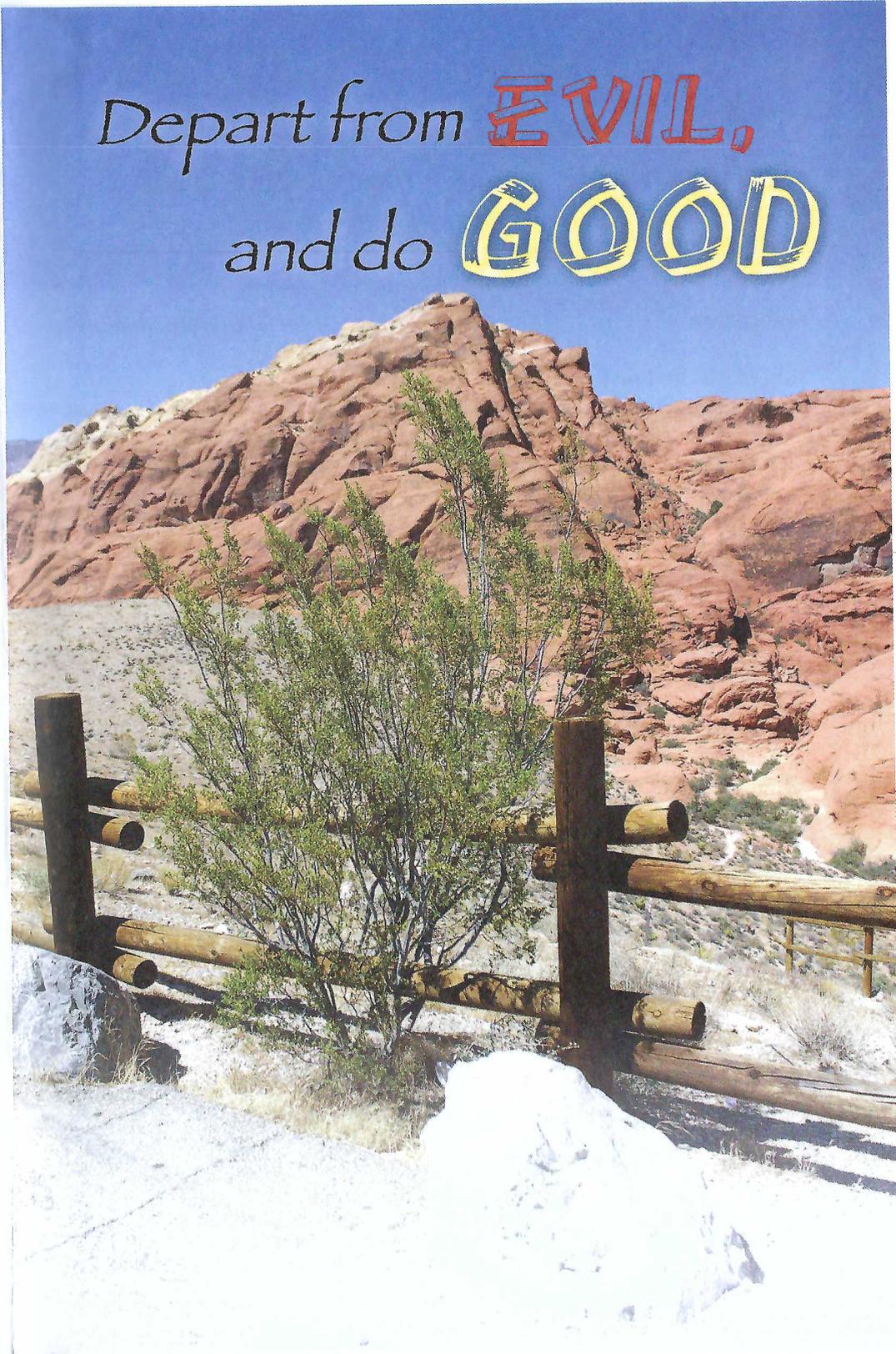
So many times we face things like Timothy was facing and we want to fight fire with fire. But here we see a focus on keeping our lives under the control of the Holy Spirit. As I look at my experiences, both receiving these qualities and how they influence my relationships with others, I realize that while quarreling divides, kindness, gentleness and patience produce calmness and peace. Interestingly, these qualities are implied in God's definition of love in First Corinthians 13:4-7 and the fruit of the Spirit in Galatians 5:22-23.

In church, the home or workplace we can seek to have our thoughts, words and deeds directed by the Holy Spirit. This will grow us in unity and maturity rather than divide us. It's a very practical concept in our churches, our marriages, our own hearts and really, in every area of life!

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and do **GOOD**



Covenant Church

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Invocation

Don Mauldin

Sing Unto the Lord

Hymn #746 He Keeps Me Singing

Welcome and Announcements

Ron Marks

Recognition of Guests

Mission Moment

Birthdays and Anniversaries

Greeting Time

Worship in Song

Hymn #747 Sunshine in My Soul

Offertory Prayer

Craig Alexander

Offertory

Rose Morgan

Special Music

Sounds of Hope

Sermon:

Pastor Don Mauldin

Scripture:

Hymn of Benediction

Pastor Don Mauldin

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Covenant News

Covenant Ministries

Our ministry for April is King's Ministry in Africa.

Closer to home, we will also be collecting supplies for Newberry High School. They are running low and need their closet replenished. Please keep in mind that May is the last month of school and extras will probably be needed to send home with them over the summer.

Acrostics

GRACE= God's Riches At Christ's Expense

BIBLE= Believers' Instructions Before Leaving Earth

PRAY= Praise, Repent, Ask, Yield.

GOSPEL= God's Only Son Provides Everlasting Life

ABIDE = Always Be In Dependence (upon God) Everyday

FAITH=

Forgetting All Impossibilities Trust Him

REST Releasing
Everything into the
Savior's
Tender Care