

## ***Enduring Hostility***

### **1 Thessalonians 2:14-16**

#### Main Point:

Instead of being hindered by hostility, willingly endure it, as Jesus did for you.

1. You may experience hostility for being a Christian.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
2. You should willingly endure the hostility because it is normal.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
3. You should willingly endure the hostility because justice will be served.
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
4. You should willingly endure the hostility because this is what Jesus did for you.

## **Cross-References and Quotations**

**1 Peter 4:12** <sup>12</sup> Beloved, do not think it strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened to you; (NKJV)

**John 15:19** <sup>19</sup> "If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. (NKJV)

**2 Timothy 3:12** <sup>12</sup> Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution. (NKJV)

**Matthew 16:18** <sup>18</sup> ... I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it.

**Matthew 18:6-7** <sup>6</sup> "But whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. <sup>7</sup> "Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! (NKJV)

**1 Peter 2:23-24** <sup>23</sup> who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously; <sup>24</sup> who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness-- by whose stripes you were healed. (NKJV)

**Hebrews 12:1-3** <sup>1</sup> Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares *us*, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, <sup>2</sup> looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of *our* faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. <sup>3</sup> For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. (NKJV)