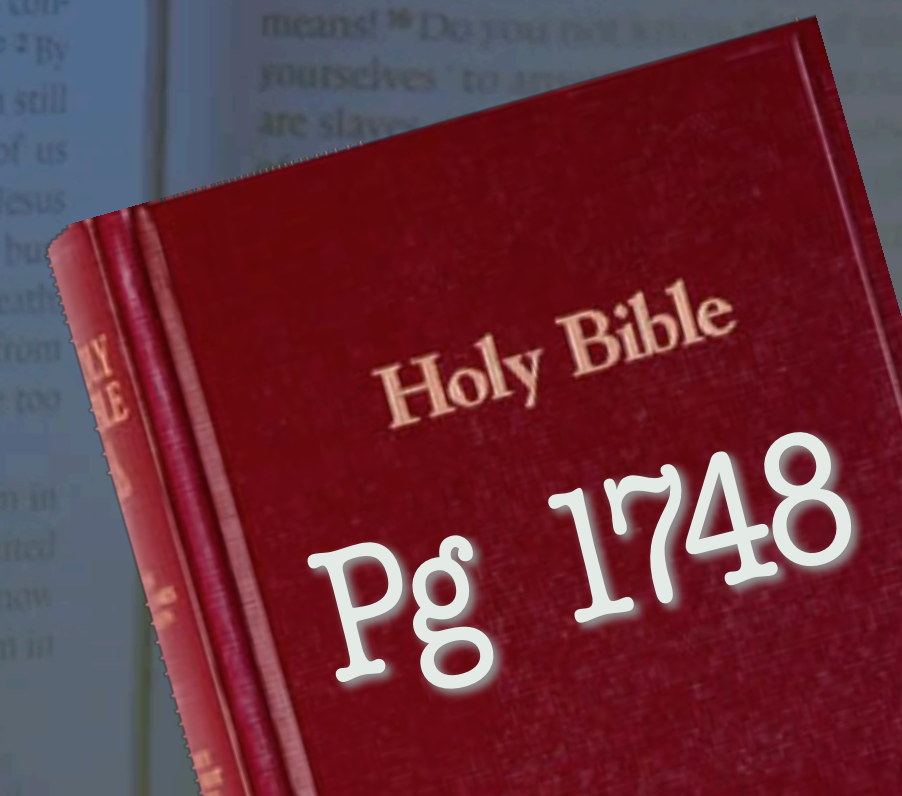
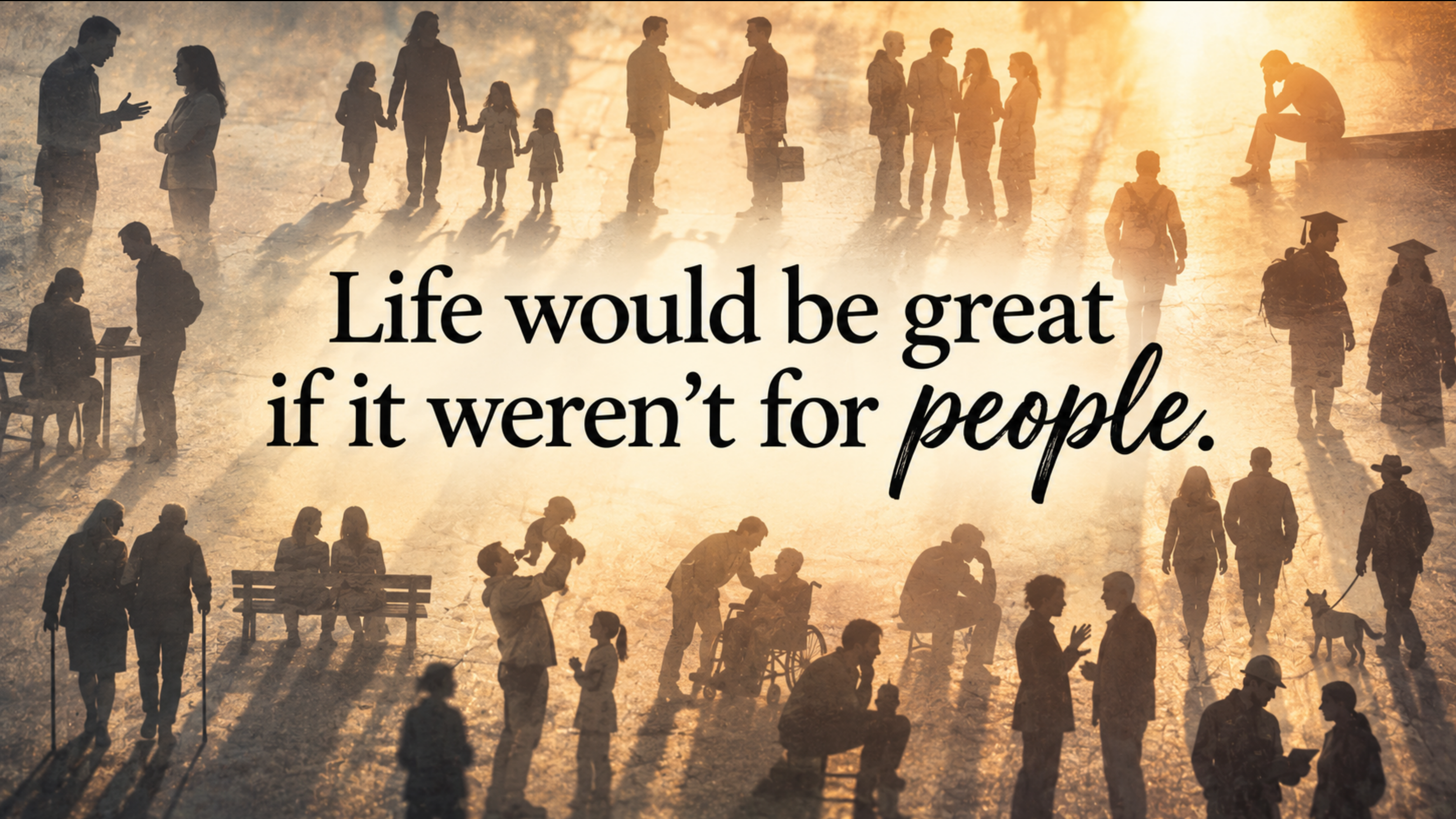


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Chuck Swindoll
1934 -



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Judges 15:9-10

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written for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. He was delivered up for our trespasses and raised²⁵ for our justification.

Peace with God Through Faith

5 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,⁶ we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.⁷ Through him we have also obtained access by faith⁸ into this grace⁹ in which we stand, and we rejoice¹⁰ in hope of the glory of God.¹¹ Not only that, but we also rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance,¹² and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,¹³ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

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Christ absorbed for many.¹⁹ And we free from all unrighteousness, how shall we live? The trespasses that we have committed, the free gift of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

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6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin still live in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death?² We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death,

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Psalm 120:5-7

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**Do not rejoice when your enemy falls,
And do not let your heart be glad
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it, and it displease Him, And He turn
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Proverbs 24:17-18

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But I say to you that for every idle word men may speak, they will give account of it in the day of judgment.

Matthew 12:36

**And I saw the dead, small and great,
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“You have heard that it was said, ‘You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.’

Matthew 5:43

But I say to you, love your enemies,
bless those who curse you, do good
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So it was, when David had finished speaking these words to Saul, that Saul said, “Is this your voice, my son David?” And Saul lifted up his voice and wept.

1 Samuel 24:16

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1 Samuel 24:17

And you have shown this day how you have dealt well with me; for when the Lord delivered me into your hand, you did not kill me. For if a man finds his enemy, will he let him get away safely?

1 Samuel 24:18–19

Therefore may the Lord reward you with good for what you have done to me this day. And now I know indeed that you shall surely be king, and that the kingdom of Israel shall be established in your hand.

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**“Today, if you will hear His voice,
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- ↳ Don't be overcome & *avenge yourselves*
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- ↳ Do overcome & *seek peace, as it depends on you*
- ↳ Do overcome & *seek to even do good to enemies*

IN ANOTHER WAY, ENDS 25 CHRISTIAN VIRTUES

- ↳ *don't be overcome...but overcome evil w/good*

**Yet in all these things we are more
than conquerors through Him who
loved us.**

**ὑπερνικάω hupernikáō -
*hupér-more, and nikáō-to conquer, overcome***

Romans 8:37

“He who has an ear, let him hear what
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Revelation 2:7

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| <p>5  In honor giving preference to one another. (Romans 12:10)</p> | <p>10  Patient in tribulation. (Romans 12:12)</p> | <p>15  Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. (Romans 12:15)</p> | <p>20  Repay no one evil for evil. (Romans 12:17)</p> | <p>25  Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. (Romans 12:21)</p> |



Let love be without hypocrisy. ~ ROMANS 12:9

written for his sake alone,²⁴ but for ours also. It will be counted to us "who believe in "him who raised from the dead Jesus our Lord,²⁵ "who was delivered up for our trespasses and raised "for our justification.

Peace with God Through Faith

5 "Therefore, since we have been justified by faith, "we¹ have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.² Through him we have also "obtained access by faith² into this grace "in which we stand, and "we³ rejoice⁴ in hope of the glory of God.³ Not only that, but we "rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering "produces endurance,⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope,⁵ and "hope does not put us to shame, because God's love "has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

⁶ For "while we were still weak, at the right time "Christ died for the ungodly.⁷ For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—⁸ but "God shows his love for us in that "while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.⁹ Since, therefore, "we have now been justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from "the wrath of God.¹⁰ For if "while we were enemies "we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved

Christ abounded for "many.¹⁶ And the free gift is not like the result of that "one man's sin. For "the judgment following "the trespass brought condemnation, but the free gift following many trespasses brings "justification.¹⁷ For if, because of one "trespass, death reigned through that "one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness "reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.

¹⁸ Therefore, as one trespass led to condemnation for all men, so "one act of righteousness" leads to justification and life for "all men.¹⁹ For as by the one "man's "disobedience the many were made sinners, so by the one man's "obedience the many will be made righteous.²⁰ Now "the "law came in to increase the trespass, but where sin increased, "grace abounded all the more, so that, "as sin reigned in death, "grace may reign through righteousness leading to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Dead to Sin, Alive to God

6 What shall we say then? Are we to continue in sin that grace may abound?² By no means! How can "we "died to sin still live in it?³ Do you not know that all of us "who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his "death?⁴ We were "buried therefore with him "in baptism into death,

order that "the body of sin might be brought to nothing, so that we would no longer be enslaved to sin.⁷ For "one who has been set free" from sin, "Now "if we are united with Christ, we believe that we will also "live with him.⁸ We know that "Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; he no longer has dominion over him. Just as death he died he died to sin, "once; "the life he lives he lives to God.⁹ So "we must consider ourselves "dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

¹² Let not "sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. Do not "present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but "present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members as instruments for righteousness.¹⁴ For "sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

Slaves to Righteousness

¹⁵ What then? Are we to sin "because we are not under law but under grace? "By no means!¹⁶ Do you not know that if you "present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, "either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness?¹⁷ But "be to God, that you who were once slaves to sin become slaves to righteousness.

17

Repay no one
evil for evil.



18

Have regard
for **good things**
in the sight
of all men.



19

If it is possible,
as much as
depends on you,
live peaceably
with all men.



20

Beloved,
do not avenge
yourselves,
but rather
give place
to wrath;
for it is written,
“Vengeance is Mine,
I will repay,”
says the Lord.



21

Therefore
“If your enemy
is hungry, feed him;
If he is thirsty,
give him a drink;
For in so doing
you will heap
coals of fire
on his head.”



21

Do not be
overcome by evil,
but overcome
evil with good.

