



**LESSON FIFTEEN:**  
*Stop Hatin' the Good!*

April Life in the Word Series  
'From Such Turn Away'



# **FOUNDATION SCRIPTURE**

*1 Timothy 3:1-5*



## *II Timothy 3:1-5*

But know this, that in the last days perilous times will come: For men will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money, boasters, proud, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, unthankful, unholy, unloving, unforgiving, slanderers, without self-control, brutal, despisers of good, traitors, headstrong, haughty, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, having a form of godliness but denying its power.

And from such people turn away!



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*(Despisers of Good)*



# SCRIPTURE LESSON

*Isaiah 5:20*



*“Woe unto them that call evil good, and good evil; that put darkness for light, and light for darkness; that put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter!”*



*Sin Fascinates Before It Assassinates.*



**THREE OBSERVATIONS OF  
CALLING EVIL GOOD:**



1. *We Call Evil Good When We Celebrate  
Immorality.*



## *II Corinthians 4:4*

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.



2. *We Call Evil Good When We Reject  
Biblical Righteousness.*



*“A wrong deed is right if the majority of people declare it not to be wrong.”*



3. We Call Evil Good When We Embrace  
Self-Centeredness.



*Jesus Was Despised for Doing Good.*



# *Isaiah 53:3*

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces. He was despised, and we esteemed Him not.



**THREE REASONS JESUS  
WAS DESPISED:**



1. Jesus was Despised because He  
Opposed Traditions that were Contrary to  
the Will of God.



2. *Jesus was Despised because He  
Emphasized Spiritual Values and Taught  
the Futility of Material Things.*



## *Matthew 19:21-24*

, Jesus said to him, "If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me." But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions. Then Jesus said to His disciples, "Assuredly, I say to you that it is hard for a rich man to enter the kingdom of heaven. And again, I say to you, it is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter the kingdom of God."



3. Jesus was Despised because He  
Exposed the Sinfulness of Self-Righteous  
People and Called Sinners to Repentance.



**THREE THINGS PEOPLE  
WILL DESPISE**



*1. People Will Despise Wisdom and  
Instruction.*

*Proverbs 1:7*



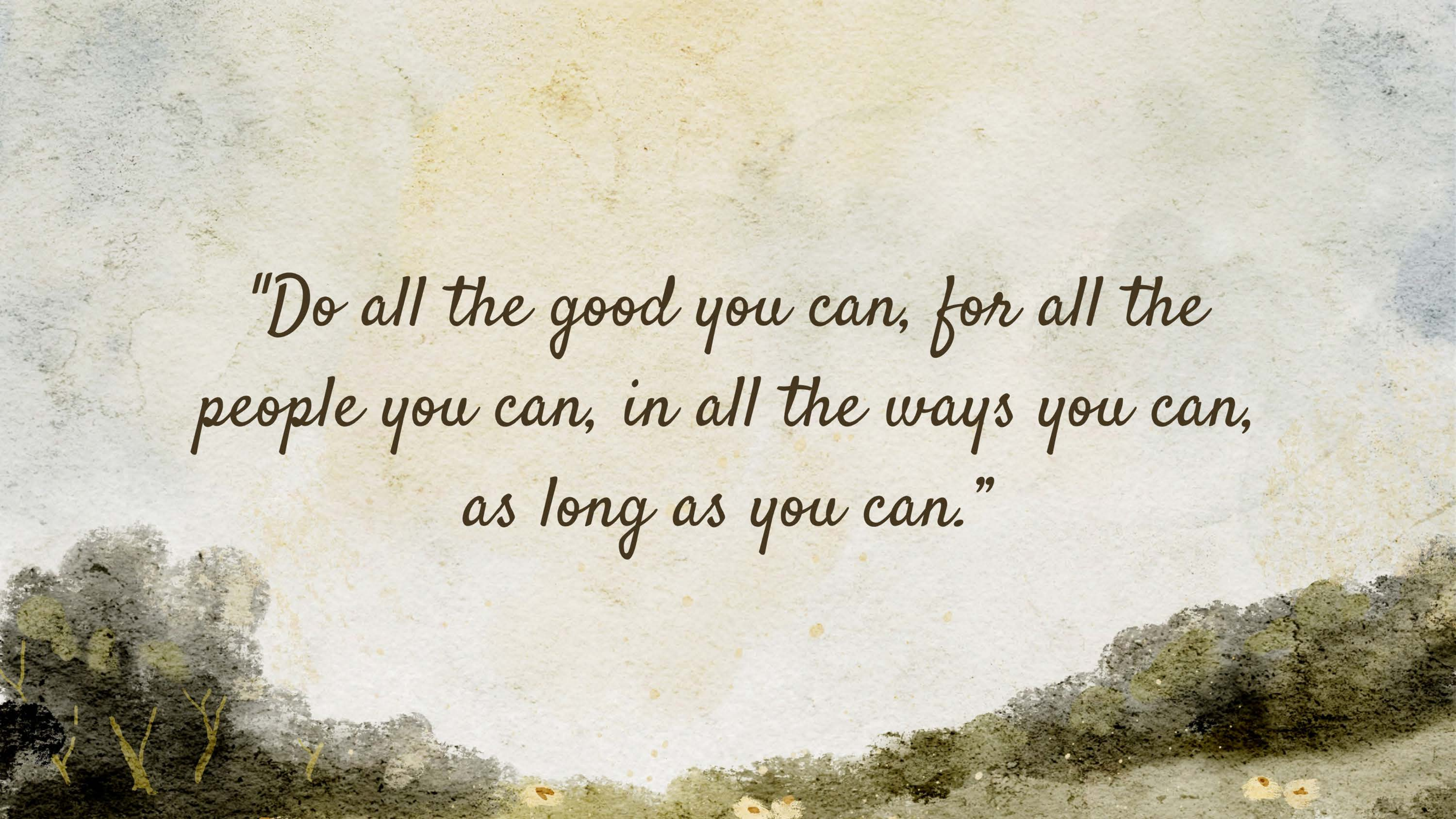
2. People Will Despise the Commands of  
Scripture.

Proverbs 13:13



*3. People Will Despise Family.  
Proverbs 15:20*



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*"Do all the good you can, for all the  
people you can, in all the ways you can,  
as long as you can."*



## *Follow Up Chat Questions:*

1. What is meant by the phrase "Despisers of Good?"
2. List three examples of calling evil good.
3. Give examples of how the world is redefining morality.
4. List three reasons why Jesus was despised.
5. List three things people will despise mentioned in the Book of Proverbs.
6. List some steps in today's lesson to calling evil good.
7. How can you apply this lesson to your spiritual life?