

What to Do When Someone Writes You Off

The questions you need to prayerfully ask yourself:

- 1. Have I sinned against this person and need to make it right?**

Num 5:5-7 The LORD said to Moses, 6 "Say to the Israelites: 'When a man or woman wrongs another in any way and so is unfaithful to the LORD, that person is guilty 7 and must confess the sin he has committed. He must make full restitution for his wrong, add one fifth to it and give it all to the person he has wronged.

- 2. Do I have a character problem that makes me hard to be around?**

1 Peter 4:14-16 If you are insulted because of the name of Christ, you are blessed, for the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you. If you suffer, it should not be as a murderer or thief or any other kind of criminal, or even as a meddler. However, if you suffer as a Christian, do not be ashamed, but praise God that you bear that name.

- 3. Am I the victim of malicious gossip and need to set the story straight?**

Prov 16:28 A perverse man stirs up dissension, and a gossip separates close friends.

4. Is this a petty person who is easily offended and looking for a reason to *write off* another?

Prov 19:11 A man's wisdom gives him patience; it is to his glory to overlook an offense.

5. Is this the result of the normal persecution that is promised a true follower of Christ?

Matt 5:10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

John 15:18-21 If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you. Remember the words I spoke to you: 'No servant is greater than his master.' If they persecuted me, they will persecute you also. If they obeyed my teaching, they will obey yours also. They will treat you this way because of my name, for they do not know the One who sent me.

2 Tim 3:12-13 In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted, while evil men and impostors will go from bad to worse, deceiving and being deceived.

1 Peter 4:4-5 They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead.

****As a true disciple of Jesus Christ, don't write any one else off – God loves unity and hates divorce of all kinds. John 17:23b; Mal 2:16***

