Suffering
1 Peter 3-5

Points to consider
1. Good and bad reasons to suffer
2. How we should view suffering for the right reasons
3. What we should do when we suffer for the right reasons

Good and bad reasons to suffer

Bad reasons to suffer

1 Peter 4:1-3   - The quickest way to eliminate suffering from our lives is to _____ sin from our lives.

Matt 26:74-75 *Immediately a rooster crowed. 75 And Peter remembered the word of Jesus who had said to him, "Before the rooster crows, you will deny Me three times." So he went out and wept bitterly.* NKJV

Peter suffered _____ for his sins.
David is another example of someone who suffered internally and externally for his sins.

Good reasons to suffer

1 Peter 3:14 talks about suffering for _____ sake.
1 Peter 3:17 talks about suffering for doing _____.
1 Peter 4:14 talks about suffering for the name of Christ.
1 Peter 4:16 talks about suffering as a _____.
1 Peter 4:19 talks about suffering according to the _____ of God.

How we should view suffering for the right reasons

1 Peter 3:13-14 - If we suffer for righteousness' sake, we are _____.
Blessed – "supremely blest; by extension, fortunate, well off" (Strong's Concordance)

1 Peter 4:12-15

When we suffer for doing good, we should not be surprised or think it strange.
When we suffer for doing good, we should _____.
We are blessed because the Spirit of glory and of God _____ upon us!
We are blessed because we are accomplishing our life's purpose by _____ God.

Matt 5:11-12 *Blessed are you when they revile and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil against you falsely for My sake. 12 Rejoice and be exceedingly glad, for great is your reward in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* NKJV

What we should do when we suffer for the right reasons

1 Peter 3:13-17 - When we suffer for righteousness' sake, we are _____ to be _____.

When we suffer for righteousness' sake, we are to _____ the Lord God in our hearts.
When we suffer for righteousness' sake, we are to be ready to tell people why we have _____.

1 Peter 4:1 - When we suffer, we should think of suffering the same way Christ thought of His suffering.

John 12:27-28 *"Now My soul is troubled, and what shall I say? 'Father, save Me from this hour'? But for this purpose I came to this hour. 28 Father, glorify Your name." Then a voice came from heaven, saying, "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again."* NKJV

Jesus was willing to _____ that He had to suffer to glorify the Father.

1 Peter 4:7- When we suffer, we should be serious and _____ in our prayers. We should also love and serve one another.

1 Peter 4:12-13 - We should _____ be surprised when we suffer.

Matt 10:24-26 *A disciple is not above his teacher, nor a servant above his master. 25 It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household! 26 Therefore do not fear them. For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, and hidden that will not be known.* NKJV

2 Tim 3:10-12 *But you have carefully followed my doctrine, manner of life, purpose, faith, longsuffering, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, afflictions, which happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium, at Lystra — what persecutions I endured. And out of them all the Lord delivered me. 12 Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.* NKJV

God clearly tells us that we _____ suffer persecution if we live godly lives.

1 Peter 4:17-19 - When we suffer, we should _____ our souls to God, our faithful Creator.

1 Peter 2:21-24

Luke 23:46 *And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, "Father, 'into Your hands I commit My spirit.'" Having said this, He breathed His last.* NKJV

Christ committed Himself to God when He said, "Father, 'into your hands I commit My spirit.'"

1 Peter 5:8- We need to be _____ and vigilant.
We need to understand how the _____ works.

The results of suffering for the right reasons, in the right way, with the right attitude

1 Peter 4:11 - God will be _____.

1 Peter 5:10-11 - God will perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle us.

1 Peter 3:18- Baptism saves because it is the response God _____ of us.