

To-Do List by Mary Kane



I am a list maker. I like to start out my day with a list of tasks I need to complete. I feel great satisfaction in accomplishing and crossing items

off my **to-do** list. God is a list maker as well, the 10 Commandments is perhaps His greatest **to-do** list. In 1 Peter 4, God gives us another list: four things **to do** when we are suffering.

Please take a moment and go before God in prayer. Confess to Him any sin, and ask Him to fill you with His Holy Spirit. Please read 1 Peter 4:13-16, 19.

In verse 13, what is our first *to-do* when we are suffering?

How deeply are we to rejoice?

The word for rejoice used in verse 13 is *chairo*, which means, “to be well, to thrive, to be glad.” It also means, “let the hope of future blessedness bring you joy.” So while we are suffering we must focus forward, knowing God has a great blessing for us. To the extent we have suffered, we will be blessed!

Verse 16 names another suffering *to-do*. What is it?

The word *glorify* means “to praise, to honor, to make renowned.” If God wants us to praise Him through our

suffering, there must be some thing praiseworthy in our suffering. If we can't see anything praise-worthy at the moment, let's praise *by faith*.

Verse 18 names two more *to-do's* when suffering. Please name them.

We are to trust God is good, and continue to do good. The temptation when suffering is to become self-focused. When our attention is completely riveted on our pain, it intensifies. Doing good brings healing to our souls, encourages others, and glorifies God.

Name one item from the to-do list you will do and how you will accomplish it.

Thank you for joining me today for Bible study!

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