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**Bible Study**

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**“Operating in Divine Order While Suffering”**

**I Peter 4:12-19**

II Timothy 3:12 reads, “Yes, and everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution.” (NLT) This verse reveals that any believer who lives for the Lord will go through their share of trials, troubles, and tribulations. Individuals who put their trust in Christ will not be exempt from the problems and pressures that unbelievers encounter. However, children of God do not have to respond to difficulties and dilemmas the way the world does. This lesson is designed to share what can help Christians to operate in divine order even while suffering.

**Breakdown of I Peter Chapter 4**

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| 1. The _____ of Suffering | <b>Verse 1</b>      |
| 2. The _____ on Suffering | <b>Verses 2-11</b>  |
| 3. The _____ in Suffering | <b>Verses 12-19</b> |

1. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can help you to operate in divine order while suffering as a Christian.

**Verse 1**

*“So then, since Christ suffered physical pain, you must arm yourselves with the same attitude he had, and be ready to suffer, too. For if you have suffered physically for Christ, you have finished with sin.”*

(NLT)

2. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can help you to operate in divine order while suffering as a Christian.

**Verses 2, 3**

*“You won’t spend the rest of your lives chasing your own desires, but you will be anxious to do the will of God. 3) You have had enough in the past of the evil things that godless people enjoy—their immorality and lust, their feasting and drunkenness and wild parties, and their terrible worship of idols.”*

(NLT)

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3. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can help you to operate in divine order while suffering as a Christian.

**Verses 4, 5**

*“Of course, your former friends are surprised when you no longer plunge into the flood of wild and destructive things they do. So they slander you. 5) But remember that they will have to face God, who stands ready to judge everyone, both the living and the dead.”*

(NLT)

4. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can help you to operate in divine order while suffering as a Christian.

**Verses 10, 11**

*“God has given each of you a gift from his great variety of spiritual gifts. Use them well to serve one another. 11) Do you have the gift of speaking? Then speak as though God himself were speaking through you. Do you have the gift of helping others? Do it with all the strength and energy that God supplies. Then everything you do will bring glory to God through Jesus Christ. All glory and power to him forever and ever! Amen.”*

(NLT)

5. Your \_\_\_\_\_ can help you to operate in divine order while suffering as a Christian.

**Verses 12, 16, 19**

*“Dear friends, don’t be surprised at the fiery trials you are going through, as if something strange were happening to you. 16) But it is no shame to suffer for being a Christian. Praise God for the privilege of being called by his name! 19) So if you are suffering in a manner that pleases God, keep on doing what is right, and trust your lives to the God who created you, for he will never fail you.”*

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