

# Are you watering flowers or weeds?

*1 Peter 3:8-12*



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**1 Peter 3:8-12** Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

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: a word or form occurring only once in a document or corpus

*Merriam-Webster*

## Practice Points

1. You water the flowers with godly conduct.



# The Three Levels of Response – Warren Wiersbe

1. We can return evil for good – satanic level
2. We can return good for good and evil for evil – human level
3. We can return good for evil – divine level (spoiler alert, this is the right way to live)

**Evil** is “Any act or event that is contrary to the good and holy purposes of God.” - Pocket Dictionary of Theological Terms.

**Insult or Slander** is “Abusive words falsely spoken that damage a person’s reputation.” – Logos

**Blessing** is to invoke divine favor towards the person.  
- Logos



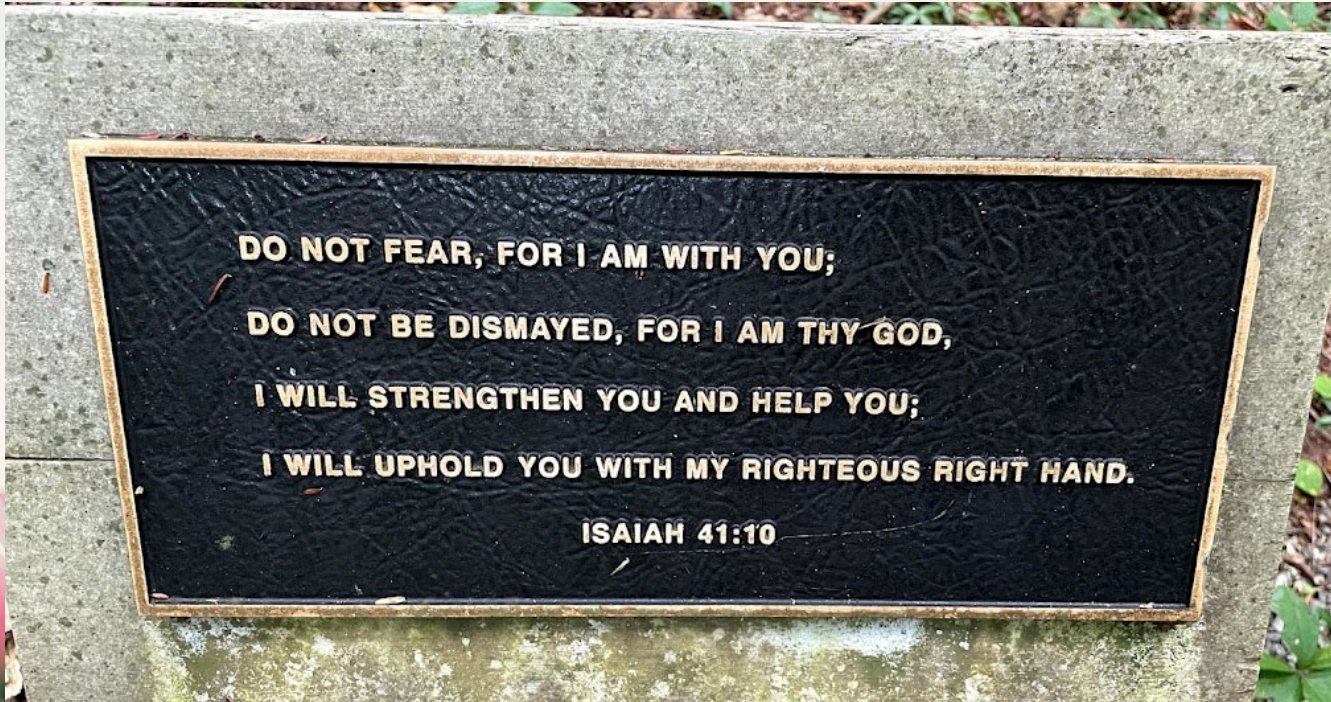
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2. You water the flowers when you return blessing for evil.



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**DO NOT FEAR, FOR I AM WITH YOU;  
DO NOT BE DISMAYED, FOR I AM THY GOD,  
I WILL STRENGTHEN YOU AND HELP YOU;  
I WILL UPHOLD YOU WITH MY RIGHTEOUS RIGHT HAND.**

**ISAIAH 41:10**

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4. You water the flowers when you pursue peace with great fervor.
5. You water the flowers in the way you bless and when you water the weeds you make a mess.





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