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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

2 Tim. 3:12 *In fact, everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted.* (NIV)

It goes without saying that we live in perilous times and are surrounded by people who have no god but themselves. It started in Eden and has continued to infect the lives of every person on the planet. But there is hope. His name is Jesus. He came and lived and died and rose again so that we could experience real, eternal and abundant life in Him. But not everyone knows this. In fact, most people don't want to hear it. They push away every attempt of God to draw them to Himself. **John 3:19** *This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil.* (NIV)

Because of this, those who love the LORD and want to live in Him daily will be mocked, ridiculed, and hated because they follow Christ. Look around and you will see a continual barrage against Christians and their convictions. It has always been the same. It will continue to be so. Mankind doesn't want their downfall into the sinful life to be known, even though it is broadcast all over the world for people to see. People love darkness because inherently, they know what they are doing is wrong. And for some reason, they want to lash out at those who are living in the abiding presence of our God. They want to belittle and tear down those who want to stand for our LORD and His principles found in His word. **Mt. 5:11-12** *Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of Me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, the evil one and evil people hate You, and so when we follow You, they hate us as well. Help us to love them like You love them. Win them over with Your great love. In Jesus Name, Amen