



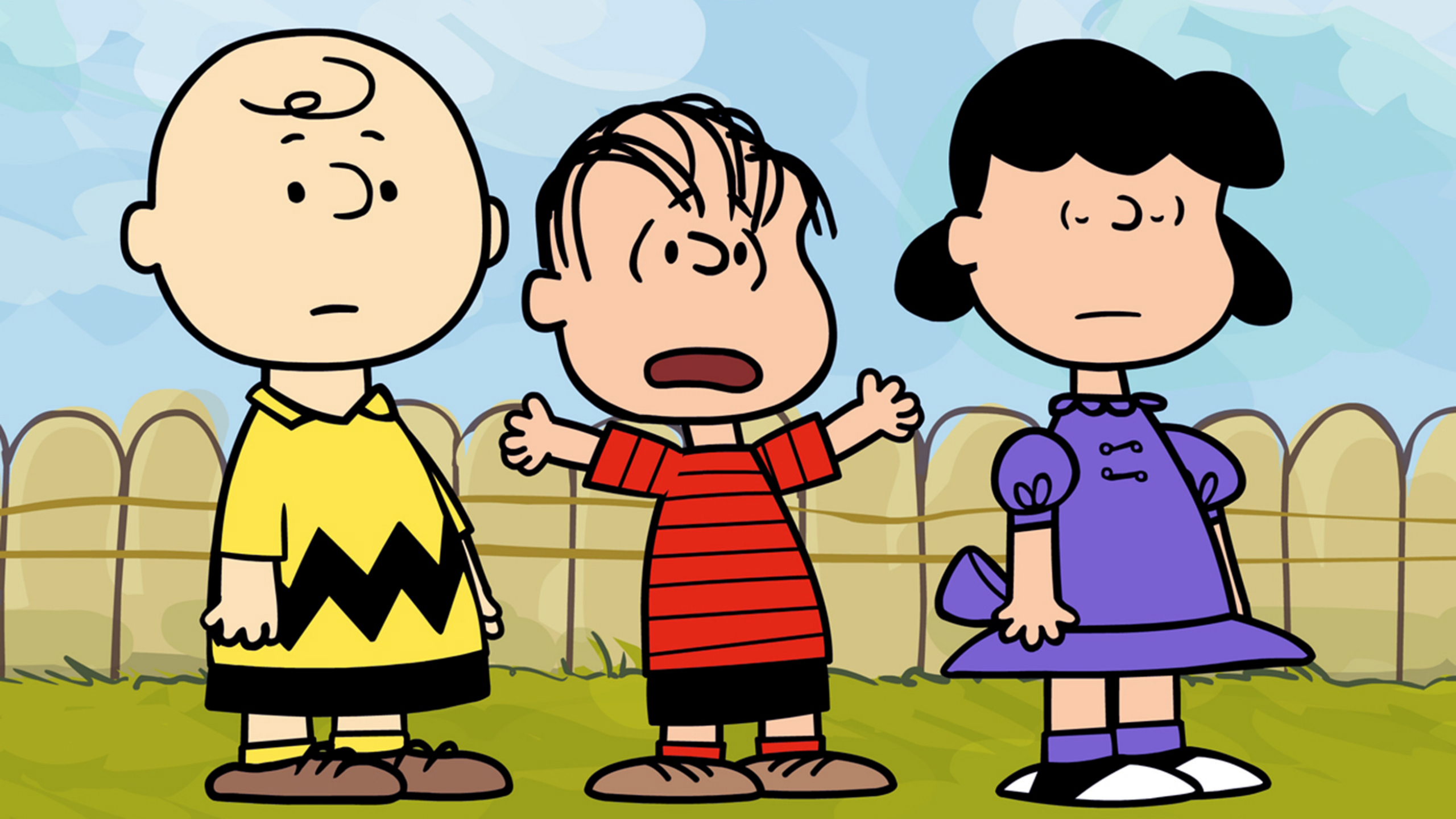
*“With malice toward none, with charity for all,
with firmness in the right as God gives us to see
the right.”*

*Moral Clarity
-Not-
Moral Superiority*



*"The line dividing good and evil runs
through every heart."*

Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn



Now listen, you rich people, weep and wail because of the misery that is coming upon you. Your wealth has rotted, and moths have eaten your clothes. Your gold and silver are corroded. Their corrosion will testify against you and eat your flesh like fire. You have hoarded wealth in the last days.

James 5

Look! The wages you failed to pay the workmen who mowed your fields are crying out against you. The cries of the harvesters have reached the ears of the Lord Almighty. You have lived on earth in luxury and self-indulgence. You have fattened yourselves in the day of slaughter. You have condemned and murdered innocent men, who were not opposing you.



"Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are slandering the noble name of him to whom you belong?"



Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming.

See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord's coming is near. Don't grumble against each other, brothers, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!

Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we consider blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job's perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.



*Don't grumble against each other,
brothers, or you will be judged*

*Do not fret because of evil men or
be envious of those who do wrong;
for like the grass they will soon
wither, like green plants they will
soon die away.*

Psalm 37

Trust in the Lord and do good; dwell in the land and enjoy safe pasture. Delight yourself in the Lord and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him and he will do this: He will make your righteousness shine like the dawn, the justice of your cause like the noonday sun.

*Be still before the Lord and wait
patiently for him; do not fret when
men succeed in their ways, when
they carry out their wicked
schemes. Refrain from anger and
turn from wrath; do not fret—it
leads only to evil.*

*I have seen a wicked and ruthless man
flourishing like a green tree in its
native soil, but he soon passed away
and was no more; though I looked for
him, he could not be found. Consider
the blameless, observe the upright;
there is a future for the man of peace.*

Since...God is there and He has spoken

- 1. We can be sacrificially proactive in pursuing good in the world.*
- 2. We can come together seeking to know the truth of God revealed in Scripture.*
- 3. When we disagree on a complex issue, we can agree on what is clear and simple.*

We love because he first loved us. If anyone says, "I love God," yet hates his brother, he is a liar. For anyone who does not love his brother, whom he has seen, cannot love God, whom he has not seen. And he has given us this command: Whoever loves God must also love his brother.



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brothers, or you will be judged.
The Judge is standing at the door*

*The Lord is full of compassion and
mercy.*



*Live with moral clarity, not moral
superiority.*