

BLESSED IN THE GOOD LIFE

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1 PETER 3:8-12

English Standard Version (ESV)

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REVIEW & CONTEXT:

Peter’s overarching theme is _____ amid suffering and exile.

Ch. 1:1–2:12: Christians are a chosen people, set apart to declare God’s excellencies even while living as *sojourners and exiles* in a hostile culture.

Ch. 2:13-3:12: Peter now applies holiness to _____ relationships:

- 1 Peter 2:13–17 Submission to government
- 1 Peter 2:18–25 Submission in employment
- 1 Peter 3:1–7 Submission in _____,
- **1 Peter 3:8–12** **Submission within the** _____.

CENTRAL THEME:

The **good life** God promises is not found in **self-assertion** or **retaliation**, but in Christ-shaped submission that _____ — even when wronged.
God’s blessing rests on those who pursue righteousness relationally, verbally, and inwardly.

NOTICE: vs 8 “*Finally, all of you,*” —> *speaking to* _____.

God’s Word always defaults to _____ as the basis for our social relationships.
His family of redeemed and transformed children have the greatest common denominator.

The _____ **of Christ** supersedes all other bonds and identities.

‘*The body of Christ*’ or ‘*the church*’ is God’s spiritual and _____ family.

Think about it... your biological family is incredibly important, but it is **not** _____.

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I. The _____ of the RIGHTEOUS. vs 8

1. _____ of the mind.

- Unity doesn't mean uniformity, but it does choosing _____ wherever possible.
- A _____ to Christ, truth and gospel priorities.
- **We submit our preferences** to the needs and preferences of others.

PHILIPPIANS 1:27

Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel,

2. Sympathy — ‘sharing the same _____’.

- συμπαθεῖς or *sympatheis* = literally means _____.
- We are to be _____ attentive to the burdens and pains of others.
- We are not to be detached or _____ of others.
- **We submit ourselves** to carefully _____ the pain of others.

3. Brotherly Love —

- A family-type _____ rooted in our shared new birth.
- Love that is _____ not fickle or selective.
- Love that _____ when relationships are strained.
- **We submit ourselves** to stay _____ when withdrawal feels easier.

4. A Tender Heart —

- Compassion that remains _____ instead of hardened.
- Opposite of a _____ heart that cannot be moved.

5. A Humble Mind—

- The most _____, all-encompassing virtue of the Christian life.
- Nothing describes the mind of Christ more than _____.

MATTHEW 11:29 — Jesus speaking...

Take My yoke upon you and learn of Me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

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II. The _____ of the FLESH vs the _____ OF BLESSING. vs 9

1. The Natural Reflex of our flesh is _____. vs 9a

- Evil for Evil, Insult for Insult.
- Retaliation feels _____ but it never produces _____.
- This does **not** bring _____. It never delivers what is desires.

2. The Gospel Way: _____ your _____. vs 9b

- More than restraint from harm, _____ to those who hurt you.
- To bless is to entrust _____ to God while choosing _____.

LUKE 23:34 From the cross...

(see 1 Peter 2:23)

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments.

3. The Law of the Harvest: What you _____, you will _____.

- Sowing a blessing will reap a blessing.
- **Not** prosperity theology but moral and spiritual _____.

JAMES 1:25

*But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets **but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.***

III. The Pathway to the _____. vs 10-11

The good life is **not** characterized by _____ but _____.

THREE ACTIVE PURSUITS of the Good Life:

- 1) _____. *"Let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit."*
- 2) _____. *"Let him turn away from evil and do good."*
- 3) _____. *"Let him seek peace and pursue it."*

IV. You Can Count on GOD'S _____. vs 12

1) God is _____ to the righteous (he sees, he hears).

"For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer."

2) God is _____ the wicked (there is **no** _____).

"But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."