

# 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 desired.

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."