

THE STUDY OF 1 PETER & 2 PETER
LESSON 11
1 PETER 3:8-12 QUESTIONS

Ask the Lord to prepare your heart as you study His word. Read 1 Peter 3:8-12.

As we have studied, Peter is writing to believers that are suffering, being persecuted, slandered, resented and hated. In our study today Peter essentially, is saying..." If you are going to love life and see good days, in spite of what you are going through, here is what you need to do..."

In verse 8 Peter gives us five attitudes of the heart. Define each.

1. Harmonious: _____

a. Does this mean that we must agree on everything? What would "harmonious" look like during a dispute in our body of Christ? What actions would contribute to or detract from the harmony of our body?

2. Sympathetic: _____

a. Give some synonyms and antonyms of sympathetic.

b. As you look at the antonyms of sympathetic, do you see areas in your life where you are unsympathetic? Which people in your life are you most unsympathetic to? What are some recurring situations where you are unsympathetic?

3. Brotherly: _____

a. What commands do these verses give us on brotherly love?

1 Peter 1:22 _____

Romans 12:10 _____

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1 John 3:18 _____

4. Kindhearted: _____

a. Do you see people in the world doing kindhearted acts and showing compassion?
How would a believer's kindheartedness and compassion be different?

5. Humble in Spirit: _____

a. What does humble in spirit look like in these verses?

Mark 9:35 _____

Luke 18:9-13 _____

Romans 12:16 _____

Philippians 2:3-4 _____

6. Peter goes on in verse 9 to explain that we must make the right response.

What are we NOT to do? _____

What ARE we to do? _____

7. What do these verses tell us about returning evil for evil (retaliation)?

Leviticus 19:18 _____

Romans 12:17-19 _____

1 Thess. 5:15 _____

a. What did Jesus do when he was insulted; reviled?

1 Peter 2:23: _____

8. What do these verses teach us about giving a blessing.

Matt. 5:44 _____

Luke 17:4 _____

Eph. 4:29 _____

1 Tim. 2:1 _____

9. In verses 10-12 Peter defends what he has just said and strengthens its authority by quoting from Psalm 34.

a. How must our mouths back up our actions?

b. THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS (vs.10)

Ahh... The good life! How often do we tell someone... "have a good day!" Don't we all desire to see good days? Love life? In our verses today Peter tells us how to have the good life.

As believer's our definition of "the good life" differs from the definition of the world.

What are some examples?

10. King Solomon wanted "the good life". He pursued it with a passion. He had wealth, power, notoriety, every indulgence he desired. What did he discover about this life?

Ecclesiastes 1:14 _____

Ecclesiastes 1:17-18 _____

Ecclesiastes 2:17 _____

Ecclesiastes 4:2-3 _____

a. Solomon gives advice in the closing words of Ecclesiastes. What advice does he give?

Ecclesiastes 12:1 _____

Ecclesiastes 12:6 _____

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 _____

11. In verse 11 Peter gives us four imperative commands (action) that mean “carry this order out now and do not delay.” What are they?

EXTRA CREDIT

FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER,
BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL (vs. 12)

Isn't it beautiful that our incentive is to so live that the eyes of the Lord are on us and he hears our prayers, hears our petitions. He meets our needs. And yet living in wickedness, sin and evil, causes God to turn His face.

Cross reference 1 Peter 3:12 (easiest to google it) and write down what most verses say about:

The Eyes of the Lord:

The Ears of the Lord:

The Face of the Lord:

What conclusion do you come to?

