

*Loving Life and Seeing Good Days*  
1 Peter 3:8-12

*“In Christ every believer is born of God, in his Son. And so they are not only brothers with each other, but Christ himself owns them as his brothers. ‘Both the one who makes men holy and those who are made holy are of the same family. So Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers’ (Hebrews 2:11). Seek to understand this more and more. Consider the source of this love: ‘How great is the love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God!’ (1 John 3:1). The same apostles says that God is love and that God gave his one and only Son and that the Son gave himself. God sweetened Christ’s bitter cup with this transcendent love, and this he recommended to us: ‘Love each other as I have loved you’ (John 15:12). We know that we cannot attain to this height completely, but the more we look on it, the higher we will reach in this love. What starts here on earth will be completed in heaven.” Leighton*

- I. Peter uses the word **finally** to signify to us that he is about to summarize the importance of living well as aliens and strangers in this world. He gives us a biblical worldview by looking at life through the lens of Scripture so that we do not lose hope in midst of what we have no control over. He puts our focus on what we do have control over, and it’s how we **choose** to conduct ourselves in the home, the church, at work and in the world.

1 Peter 3:8

**Phil. 1:27** *Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel.*

- II. God has several purposes behind the admonitions he's giving us about how he expects us to live in this dark world. One is to get us to understand that we are to live the gospel well, the other is to keep us healthy spiritually and emotionally so that we don't lose heart and fall away from standing firm in the faith. He gives us the secret to loving life and seeing good days, and its being other centered as opposed to being self-centered. Its main ingredients include being of one mind in Christ, having compassion for one another, loving one another deeply, being tender hearted toward one another, and being kind and courteous toward one another.

1 Peter 3:8  
Eccl. 2:17  
Eccl. 1:2-14  
Eccl. Eccl. 1:16-17  
Eccl. 2:2-3  
Eccl. 2:4-11  
Rom. 15:5  
Eph. 4:32  
Phil. 2:1-5

**ὁμόφρων homóphrōn** = harmonious, being of one mind, like minded  
**συμπαθής sympathēs, soom-path-ace** = sympathetic  
**φιλάделφος philádelphos** = loving brother or sister  
**εὐσπλαγχνος eúsplanchnos, yoo'-splanekh-nos** = compassionate, tender hearted.  
**φιλόφρων philóphrōn, fil-of-rone**, friendly of mind, i.e. kind:—courteous, humble in spirit

- III. Of utmost importance to the Lord is in how we respond to adversity, especially when we are being sinned against because we live life God's way instead of the world's way. We are to watch how we respond both verbally and physically by turning the situation into an opportunity to show the gospel of grace, mercy and kindness to those who don't deserve it. It is what we've been called to do knowing that we will receive the blessing of salvation that we don't, in any way, deserve.

1 Peter 3:9-12  
Matthew 5:8  
Rom. 12:17-21

**Eccl. 12:13-14** Now all has been heard; here is the conclusion of the matter: Fear God and keep his commandments, for this is the duty of all mankind. For God will bring every deed into judgment, including every hidden thing, whether it is good or evil.