

Message Notes

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Bible Focus: 1 Peter 3:8-12

Current Series: Between 2 Worlds

Message Title: A Winsome Witness (part 1)

⁸Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. ⁹Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech. ¹¹They must turn from evil and do good; they must seek peace and pursue it. ¹²For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Three areas that will either enhance or detract from your Christian witness:

1. Your _____
2. Your _____
3. Your _____

Life Group Message Discussion Questions

1 Peter 3:8-12

1. Who is someone in your life whose Christian witness and example is particularly appealing and motivating to you? What specifically is it about this individual that encourages or inspires you?
2. Read 1 Peter 3:8-12. What words or phrases does Peter use to describe how Christ-followers are to live in community with one another? How do these particular words or phrases illustrate or tie back to Peter's teaching in the previous section about submission (1 Peter 2:13-3:7)?
3. Which of the attitudes listed in verse 8 would you say you personally struggle with the most? How can you begin to make more progress in this particular area this week?
4. How difficult is it for you to not repay evil for evil or unkindness for unkindness (v. 9)? How is our Christian witness strengthened when we do what v. 9 says?
5. Peter says that repaying evil with good leads us to inherit a blessing (v. 9). According to vv. 10-12, what might that blessing be? Does the concept of "inheriting a blessing" contradict the teaching that we are saved by grace and can never earn God's blessing or favor? Why or why not?
6. How do vv. 8-9 relate to Jesus' teaching in Matthew 5:10-12?
7. Does loving life and seeing good days (v. 10) mean a life free from problems? Why or why not? How can a person still experience God's help and blessing in the midst of life's problems and trials?
8. What are some ways in which your Christian witness needs to be enhanced? How do these verses encourage you in this regard?