

“Loving Even When it Hurts” **1 Peter 3:8-12**

1. In 1 Peter 3:8 we see the phrase “to sum up” or “finally”. This introduces a new section rather than giving a summary of the previous exhortation to wives and husbands.

What 5 practical principles does Peter give to all his readers in verse 8?

- Be _____
- _____
- _____
- _____
- _____

Which of these characteristics do you find to be most challenging for you in the Christian life? Explain.

Discuss how these virtues are helpful in keeping our “tongue from evil” and keeping our “lips from speaking deceit”?

2. Read Psalm 34:12-16.

Peter quotes this Psalm in 1 Peter 3:10-12.

What 3 exhortations do we see in this section of Psalm 34?

- KEEP _____
- DEPART or TURN _____
- SEEK _____

3. Rather than returning evil for evil or insult for insult, what are we to do as believers in Christ (v.9)?

Can you provide an example of when God, through His grace and peace, empowered you to live out this radically different conduct?

4. It was said of the popular 19th-century English author William Arnot, “His preaching is good. His writing is better. His living is best of all.” How can our lives be our greatest testimony and witness for Christ?

How different is your life? Do you blend in with the world or stand out from it?

Are there any areas of unbiblical living that you sense God wants you to give fully over to Him today?

5. Jesus said, “Pray for those who persecute you” (Matthew 5:44), and the apostle Paul wrote, “When we are cursed, we bless” (1 Corinthians 4:12). How else are we to pursue peace with compassion?