

Living the Good Life Pt.2

1 Peter 3:8-12 (v.9)

Introduction:

The Good Life – is a godly life that is lived with the right attitude toward people and having the right godly response to life's trials and tribulations all while living by God's standard.

4 Basic Commands to Living the Good Life

- Have the Right Attitude v.8
- **Have the Right response v.9**
- Have the Right Standard
- Have the Right Incentive

I. The Right Attitude v.8

- a. Be Harmonious
- b. Be Sympathetic
- c. Be Brotherly
- d. Be Kindhearted
- e. Be Humble in Spirit

II. The Right Response v.9

- a. Not Returning Evil for Evil v.9a**
 - i. Christians are to stop returning evil for evil if we are doing it.
 - ii. We are not to start doing it if we are not
Lev 19:18 / Rom 12:19-21

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b. Not Returning Insult for Insult v.9b

- i. Christians are not to use abusive language or cursing or speak evil of someone
- ii. To do so is an unacceptable response for believers Eph 4:29
- iii. We are not to even associate with people who do such things 1 Cor 5:11

c. Giving a Blessing Instead v.9c

- i. By loving them unconditionally Jhn 13:34
- ii. By praying for their salvation Matt 5:44
- iii. By expressing gratitude for them Rom 1:8
- iv. By Forgiving them Mark 11:25-26

d. Called to Inherit a Blessing v.9d

- i. Christians were chosen before foundation of the earth Eph 1:4
- ii. Our blessing was one that we didn't deserve, it is a gift we couldn't earn
- iii. The gift is FORGIVENESS
- iv. We should know very well how to give a free gift of forgiveness.
- v. Because we have been forgiven Matt 18:21-35