

The Good Life Pt.3

1 Peter 3:8-12 (vss.10-12)

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 vss. 10-11**
- **Have the Right Incentive v.11**

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
- b. Not Returning Insult for Insult
- c. Giving a Blessing Instead
- d. Called to Inherit a Blessing

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III. Living By The Right Standard vss. 10-11

- i. The Right Standard is the Word of God
2 Tim 3:16
- ii. God does not give us commandments we cannot fulfill 2 Pet 1:3

b. Christians Desire the Good Life v.10a

- i. We must live by every word that comes from the mouth of God Matt 4:4

c. Must Keep Our Tongue from Evil v.10b

- i. The tongue is often unruly and prone to sin
James 3:6
- ii. We must be absolutely committed to the truth
Prov 3:3-4 / Col 3:9

d. Must Turn From Evil and Do Good v.11

- i. Christians must strongly reject that which is sinful
Prov 3:7
- ii. The Good Life is doing what is GOOD and GOOD means excellent in quality
- iii. We must seek Peace with every fiber of our being
- iv. We must hunt for Peace for we are the peacemakers
Matt 5:9

IV. Having the Right Incentive v.12

- i. God sees all and knows all – this is the right incentive
Ps 139:1-6
- ii. He eyes are on the righteous to hear our prayers
Phil 4:6-7