

1 Peter 3:8-12

One Point: Bless Others Regardless of How You're Treated

1. If you could add two commandments to the existing ten, what would they be?
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Read v. 8-9

1. What actionable steps can we take to show the five characteristics Peter mentions in verse 8?
 2. Have you ever repaid evil with a blessing? Why did you choose to do so? Was it hard to do?
 3. How do God's Word and God's Spirit help you to love those who are difficult to love?
 4. How does choosing to bless others regardless of how you're treated advance the Kingdom of God?
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Read v. 10-12

1. In what ways do our tongues spread evil and deceit? How can we fight these things?
 2. What does it mean if "the face of the Lord is against" someone? Why should the fact that "the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous" comfort us?
 3. What can you do to turn away from evil and do good?
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What I will be talking about

Peter lists 5 characteristics that Christians should exemplify: unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. Christians should have a unanimous belief in one God, one Lord, and one Savior; Christians should be compassionate and loving toward their brethren; Christians should consider others' needs before their own wants. Christians should pay back an evil with a blessing and love others despite their desire to harm. Peter backs up his thoughts with Psalm 34:12-16. Christians demonstrate that God is in their lives by the way they treat those around them. Bless others regardless of how they treat you so that you may receive the blessing of God: He watches over you and listens to your prayers.