



got life?

1 Peter 3:8-12

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The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I came that [you] may have life, and have it abundantly. - John 10:10, NASB95

STUDY SECTION

A. Of the Nine Christian Virtues, five relate to how we think.

1. The right attitudes we should maintain.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:8, NASB95 -⁸ To sum up, [lit., "finally" meaning "in conclusion"] all of you [rf., speaking of the whole church] be harmonious, [Gk: homophrones; homo means "same" and phrones means "to think"; it does not mean uniformity; Christians may differ on how things are to be done, but they must agree on what is to be done and why] sympathetic [Gk: *sumpatheis*, lit., "share the same feelings for and with" and is typically translated "compassion"], brotherly [Gk: *philadelphoi* means "brotherly love"], kindhearted [Gk: *eusplagchnoi*, its root word gives us our concept of internal organs so a visceral impact is called for; a powerful kind of feeling], and humble [is sometimes translated "courteous" but may be the most essential, all-encompassing virtue of the Christian life. Phil. 2:3, NASB95 -³ *Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves.*] in spirit;

The Check List

Seek Harmony • Be Sympathetic • Love as Brothers
 Be Compassionate • Be Humble

B. Of the Nine Christian Virtues, four relate to what we do.

2. The right response we should make.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:9, NASB95 -⁹ not returning evil [not demonic as much as *badness* (conduct / speech)] for evil or insult [lit., an abusive railing against someone; strong cursing] for insult [Note: Both these phrases begin with an imperative present participle expressing a command "stop right now returning..."], but giving a blessing [gives us our word "eulogy" and means praises/rememberings; it's not "words" but "actions" that are called for here] instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing [lit., a gift].

3. The right standard we should model.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:10-11, NASB95 -¹⁰ For, [now quoting Psalm 34:12-16] "THE ONE WHO DESIRES [lit., chooses or seeks] LIFE ["He who wills to love life" - PME], TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM [connotes an intensely strong rejection of what is sinful] EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. ¹¹ "HE MUST TURN AWAY [same word as before, it still connotes an intensely strong rejection] FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT.

4. The right incentive we should be motivated by.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 3:12, NASB95 -¹² "FOR THE EYES OF THE LORD ARE TOWARD THE RIGHTEOUS, AND HIS EARS ATTEND TO THEIR PRAYER, BUT THE FACE OF THE LORD IS AGAINST THOSE WHO DO EVIL."

The Check List

Do not repay evil with evil • Keep your tongue from evil speech
 Turn from evil and do good • Seek peace and pursue it



As the church, we must love one another, love our enemies and love life.

LIFE APPLICATION SECTION

1 Peter 3:10-12, NLT -¹⁰ *For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and His ears are open to their prayers. But the LORD turns His face against those who do evil."*

- A. We must deliberately decide to love our life in Christ.
- B. We must control our tongues.
- C. We must do good and hate evil.
- D. We must seek peace.