

HOPE

IN TROUBLED TIMES

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MESSAGE NOTES

Sunday, October 4

Introduction

1 Peter 3:8-14

⁸To sum up, all of you be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit; ⁹not returning evil for evil or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. ¹⁰For, "THE ONE WHO DESIRES LIFE, TO LOVE AND SEE GOOD DAYS, MUST KEEP HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL AND HIS LIPS FROM SPEAKING DECEIT. ¹¹"HE MUST TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD; HE MUST SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT. 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." ¹³Who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good? ¹⁴But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED,

notes

So What?!

What are the 9 marks of a mature Christian?

#1. PROMOTING UNITY, vs. 8

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#2. CONCERN FOR OTHERS, vs. 8

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#3. COMMITTED FRIENDSHIPS, vs. 8

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#4. HEARTFELT COMPASSION, vs. 8

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#5. INTERNAL HUMILITY, vs. 8

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#6. SELF-IMPOSED FORGIVENESS, vs. 9

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but with blessing, because to this you were
called so that you may inherit a blessing.

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#7. DISCIPLINED SPEECH, vs. 10

For, "Whoever would love life and see good
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#8. AGRESSIVE PEACE, vs. 11-12

He must turn from evil and do good; he must
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Lord are on the righteous and his ears are
attentive to their prayer, but the face of the
Lord is against those who do evil.

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#9. ACCEPTANCE OF GOD'S PURPOSE, vs. 13-14a

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do
good? But even if you should suffer for what is
right, you are blessed.

But if you suffer for doing good and you endure
it, this is commendable before God. To this you
were called, because Christ suffered for you,
leaving you an example, that you should follow
in his steps. 2:20-21

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GROUP DISCUSSION

Prayer Requests:

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What character trait did you most appreciate and value of one of your parents growing up?

Read: I Peter 3:8-14

Go through the 9 marks of a mature Christian and share your answer and why you rated yourself at that level.

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Family Time: Use I Peter 3:8 and talk to your kids about their friends. Do they have friends that are best friends, good friends, how are they committed to their friends, how do they show friendship, when do they spend time with their friends. Tell them about your friendships when you were their age, do you still see any of those friends?