

I Peter 3:8-17

³His divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of him who called us to his own glory and excellence, ⁴by which he has granted to us his precious and very great promises, so that through them you may become partakers of the divine nature, having escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desire.

2 Peter 1:3-4

Our source for these things...

The very _____.

The _____ of Him.

His _____.

Verse 8 applies specifically to _____.

You may not see _____ on everything, but you can strive _____ for the gospel.

When we _____ those who _____, it is one of the greatest testimonies of His goodness.

Suffering for righteousness' sake is a _____!

Be _____, be _____, and the _____ will be _____.

You're going to ask the _____ people to do the hardest things in life.

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Scripture: I Peter 3:8-17

Chapter 3:8-12

- Why was it important for Peter to remind the early church to be unified in their doctrine and practices?
- Take time as a group to read Romans 12:15. How does this verse relate to sympathy?
- Being tender hearted and humble is the result of a "brotherly love." How is a Christian's love different from the love that we see in the world?
- In light of what you know about the early church, identify some ways that they could have been a blessing to those around them. How is this truth something we need to stand firm in today?
- How does David's psalm, quoted by Peter, relate to being a blessing? How does it motivate you as a Christian to be a constant blessing to others?

Chapter 3:13-17

- In verse 13 Peter attributes "zeal for what is good" to the follower of Christ. How would you describe a Christian who is zealous for doing good?
- Peter asks his reader to "always be prepared." What can a Christian do so he/she is prepared? Is there a link between the zeal a Christian has and him/her being prepared to give a reason for their faith?
- Conversations about the Christian faith can be tense and lead to misunderstandings, that's why Peter asks his readers to approach these conversations in a particular way—as to have a "good conscience." How does this relate to you personally?

Application Questions

- Is there an area of your life that God is prompting you to reconsider?
- What principle from this passage do you want to see applied in your life?