

LIVING WITHOUT HOSTILITY

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1 Peter 3:8-9

❖ Choosing Love

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1 Peter 3:8-12

1. Love FAMILY like FAMILY.

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2. Repay EVIL with BLESSING.

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1 Peter 3:9

3. Seek PEACE through your PRAYERS.

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1 Peter 3:11b-12a

❖ Practicing Love

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. "Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened." But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander. It is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil.

1 Peter 3:13-17

1. Love others ANYWAY.

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.

1 Peter 3:13-14a

2. Love Jesus COMPLETELY.

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1 Peter 3:14b-15a

3. Love enough to SHARE.

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1 Peter 3:15

❖ Jesus KIND of Love

Therefore, since Christ suffered in his body, arm yourselves also with the same attitude, because he who has suffered in his body is done with sin. As a result, he does not live the rest of his earthly life for evil human desires, but rather for the will of God. For you have spent enough time in the past doing what pagans choose to do--living in debauchery, lust, drunkenness, orgies, carousing and detestable idolatry. They think it strange that you do not plunge with them into the same flood of dissipation, and they heap abuse on you. But they will have to give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. For this is the reason the gospel was preached even to those who are now dead, so that they might be judged according to men in regard to the body, but live according to God in regard to the spirit.

1 Peter 4:1-6

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1 Peter 4:1-3a

2. Love even with OPPOSITION against us.

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1 Peter 4:4-5

3. Let God's SPIRIT love others through you.

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1 Peter 4:6

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