

The Mind And Personality Of A Christian

TEXT: 1 Peter 3:8-12

INTRODUCTION:

- A. **YESTERDAY** => "SHOWING FORTH HIS EXCELLENCIES."
 - 1. Time of persecution.
 - 2. Relationships that are the source.
- B. **TODAY** => HOW CHRISTIANS REFLECT GOD'S IMAGE IN THEIR UNIQUE PERSONALITY.

I. CHRISTIANS TO BE LIKEMINDED (verses 8-9). 2 thoughts.

- A. WE MUST HAVE **UNITY**.
 - 1. Jesus prayed for it (**John 17:20-21**).
 - 2. Paul demanded it (**1 Corinthians 1:10; 1 Corinthians 4:6-7; Philippians 1:27**).
 - 3. **Ephesians 4:3**.
- B. WE MUST HAVE **THE MIND OF CHRIST** (**Philippians 2:5; 1 Peter 2:21**).
 - 1. Jesus was compassionate, sympathetic (**Matthew 9:36; 14:14**).
trans. "touched" (**Hebrews 4:15**).
 - 2. Jesus loved his brethren (**1 John 4:19; 3:16**) => us (**3:16-18**).
 - 3. Jesus was **tenderhearted** => **KJV** "pitiful" - quick to feel pity (**Ephesians 4:32; John 11:31-43**).
 - 4. Jesus was humbleminded - his example (**John 13:1-15**).
 - a. **Philippians 2:5-8**. Have this mind in you (**1 Peter 5:5**).
 - b. **Philippians 2:9-11**. God will exalt us, too (**1 Peter 5:6**).
 - 5. Jesus never rendered evil for evil (**1 Peter 2:21-24**).
- will evil overcome us (**Romans 12:17-21**).
 - 6. Contrariwise blessing - Our inheriting depends on it.
Wish even the persecutor (any abuser) well (**Matthew 5:43-48**).

II. THE SECRET OF A HAPPY LIFE (verse 10).

- A. WATCH WHAT WE SAY (**Matthew 12:36-37**).
- B. SPEAK NO GUILF - DECEIT (**Matthew 5:33-37**).
- C. TURN AWAY FROM EVIL (**2 Timothy 2:19**).
NO SUPPORT (**Ephesians 5:11; 2 John 9-11**).
- D. DO GOOD (**Titus 3:1**).
- E. SEEK, EVEN PURSUE, PEACE (**Hebrews 12:14-15**).

CONCLUSION:

- A. IF WE SEEK TO BE RIGHT, GOD KNOWS IT.
 - 1. He watches over us.
 - 2. He hears our prayers.
- B. IF WE SEEK TO DO WRONG, JUDGMENT AWAITS.