LIVING AND LOVING THE GOOD LIFE (continued) (1 Peter 3:8-12)

- I. Having the Right ATTITUDE toward OTHERS (1 Pet. 3:8*b*)
 - A. Be HARMONIOUS
 - B. Be SYMPATHETIC
 - C. Be BROTHERLY
 - D. Be KINDHEARTED
 - E. Be HUMBLE
- II. Having the Right RESPONSE to HOSTILITY (1 Pet. 3:9)
 - A. Stated NEGATIVELY
 - 1. Do not RETALIATE in kind when INJURED
 - 2. Do not RESPOND in kind when INSULTED
 - B. Stated POSITIVELY
 - 1. Rather respond with BLESSING
 - a. By LOVING them
 - b. By praying for their SALVATION or SANCTIFICATION
 - c. By expressing GRATITUDE for them
 - d. By FORGIVING them
 - 2. Live as ones CALLED to INHERIT a blessing (cf. 1:3-5)

- III. Having the Right STANDARD for BEHAVIOR (1 Pet. 3:10-11)
 - A. God's Word is our AUTHORITY (cf. Ps. 34:12-16)
 - B. Peter's instructions are CONSISTENT with it
 - 1. Neither REVILE nor DECEIVE
 - 2. TURN FROM all that is SINFUL
 - 3. Do what is VIRTUOUS
 - 4. Energetically PURSUE PEACE
- IV. Having the Right INCENTIVE for OBEDIENCE (1 Pet. 3:12)
 - A. God's EYE is on the RIGHTEOUS
 - 1. He WATCHES OVER them in LOVE
 - 2. He LISTENS to the PRAYER of the OBEDIENT
 - B. God's FACE is AGAINST those who do EVIL
 - 1. Implies impending JUDGMENT (cf. Ps. 34:16*b*)
 - 2. Encourages immediate REPENTANCE