

“Reminders Regarding Behavior In The Church”
(#13 in the “Practical Preaching From The Pen Of Peter” series)

I Peter 3:8-12

- I. A reminder of the _____ (I Peter 3:8-9a)
- a. There should be _____ in the church. (vs. 8a): There should be “_____ *in the midst of* _____”. (Romans 12:16 – “**Be of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.**”)
- b. There should be _____ in the church. (vs. 8b): Share in both the _____ *and* the _____ of others. (Romans 12:15 – “**Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.**”)
- c. There should be _____ in the church. (vs. 8c): Love fellow believers like _____.
- d. There should be _____ in the church. (vs. 8d): Take pity on those who are _____, afflicted, less _____ than us, etc. (Galatians 6:2 – “**Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.**”)
- e. There should be _____ in the church. (vs. 8e): Genuine Christian friendliness, kindness, politeness, etc. It's a mixture of _____ and _____.
- f. There should be _____ in the church. (vs. 9a)
- i. As believers, we can live on one of 3 levels:
- i. _____ level (*i.e. evil for good*)
- ii. _____ level (*i.e. evil for evil and good for good*)
- iii. _____ level (*i.e. good for evil*)
- ii. It should be our goal to live on that _____ level. (Matthew 5:44 – “**But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you;**”)

- II. A reminder of the _____ (I Peter 3:9b-12)
- a. Because we *will receive* _____ blessings (vs. 9a)
(Matthew 5:10-12 – “¹⁰ **Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. ¹² Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.**”)
- i. As we look forward to our eternal blessings, God has called us to extend the same _____ to others in this life that we have received from Him.
- b. Because we *can receive* _____ blessings (vs. 10-12)
- i. Our _____ (vs. 10a): We should desire a long life of _____ to Him and experiencing His blessings and _____.
- ii. Our _____
- i. Live with _____. (vs. 10b): We should not be guilty of speaking _____ toward others, and we should not be guilty of _____ in any way. (Psalm 141:3 – “**Set a watch, O LORD, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips.**”)
- ii. Live with _____. (vs. 11): Our desire to serve Christ should cause us to intentionally avoid _____ and do _____. It should cause us to intentionally cultivate a _____ spirit rather than a selfish, temperamental one.
- iii. Our _____ (vs. 12)
- i. God takes special notice of those of His children who live in _____ to Him.
- ii. He does not look upon _____ favorably, and He is the _____ of His children when wrong is done to them.