

## God's Blessing upon the Righteous

### 1 Peter 3:8-17

In **today's** text, Peter will **sum up** this **practical** section calling us to a beautiful set of **virtues** in our living, and explaining that **God** has **called us** to **bless** others. He explains that **right living** leads to **God's Providential blessing** in our lives. God will bless our **righteous living**, and to this **blessing** from **God** we have been called. This happens although we may find ourselves **suffering** for **doing** what is **right**. Yet we are called to give an **account** of the **hope** of the Gospel that we have to a watching world. Even when we **suffer** for the **sake** of **righteousness**, we are blessed and will ultimately inherit God's eternal blessing.

Now in **Today's text 1 Peter 3:8-17**, we will see

- **V-3:8-12 – Called to Blessing**
- **V-3:13-17 – Suffering with a Good Conscience**

**Philippians 1:27 - 27** Only conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ; so that whether I come and see you or remain absent, I may hear of you **that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel**; NASB

**John 13:34-35 - 34** "A new commandment I give to you, **that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another.** 35 "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another."  
NASB

Stuart Scott comments; *Humble people are focused on God and others, not on self. Even their focus on others is out of a desire to love and glorify God. They have no need to be recognized or approved. There is no competition with God or others. They have no need to elevate self, knowing that they have been forgiven and that God's love has been undeservedly and irrevocably set on them. Instead, a humble person's goal is to elevate God and encourage others. End quote*

**Philippians 2:2-4** - 2 make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose. 3 **Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind let each of you regard one another as more important than himself;** 4 do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but **also for the interests of others.** NASB

**Colossians 3:12-15** - 12 And so, as those who have been chosen of God, holy and beloved, **put on a heart of compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience;** 13 bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you. 14 And **beyond all these things put on love, which is the perfect bond of unity.** NASB

**Romans 8:29** - 29 For whom He foreknew, **He also predestined to become conformed to the image of His Son,** that He might be the first-born among many brethren;

**2 Corinthians 3:18** - 18 But we all, with unveiled face beholding as in a mirror the glory of the Lord, **are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory**, just as from the Lord, the Spirit. NASB

**1 Peter 2:20-23** - 20 For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and **suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God**. 21 For you have been called for this purpose, since **Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps**, 22 who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; 23 and **while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him** who judges righteously; NASB

**2 Timothy 3:10-12** - 10 But **you followed my teaching, conduct, purpose, faith, patience, love, perseverance, 11 persecutions, and sufferings**, such as happened to me at Antioch, at Iconium and at Lystra; what persecutions I endured, and out of them all the Lord delivered me! 12 And **indeed, all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will be persecuted**. NASB

**1 Peter 1:6-7** - if necessary, you have been **distressed by various trials, 7 that the proof of your faith**, being more precious than gold which is perishable, even though tested by fire, **may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ**; NASB

<b>Humility</b>	<b>Pride</b>
<p><b><u>Theo centric</u></b>            Focused on God and His Glory &amp; honor.</p>	<p><b><u>Anthropocentric</u></b>            Focused on man or self.</p>
<p><b>Spiritually Aware</b>            Sees God's holiness and self's sinfulness</p>	<p><b>Spiritually blinded</b>            Inflated view of self, contempt toward God</p>
<p><b>Broken &amp; Contrite</b>            Mourns over sin, needs mercy</p>	<p><b>Self-Righteous</b>            Thinks they are good, better than others</p>
<p><b>Lowliness</b>            esteems others higher than self</p>	<p><b>Self-exalting</b>            Conceited- Prejudiced- looks down on others</p>
<p><b>Benevolent</b>            Looks to the interests of others</p>	<p><b>Self-willed</b>            Selfish Ambition- lives primarily for self</p>
<p><b>God-reliant</b>            Faith, Trust, Dependence</p>	<p><b>Self-reliant</b>            Self-made, needs no help, self-confident</p>