

1 Peter Series

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HOW TO INHERIT A BLESSING

1 PETER 3:9-12



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT OF ETERNITY

1 Pet. 2:17, “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”

How to implement these four imperatives in our lives is explained by the following Greek participles:

1 Pet. 2:18: Servants *by being submissive to your masters ...*

1 Pet. 3:1: Wives, likewise *by being submissive to your own husbands ...*

1 Pet. 3:8: Husbands, likewise *by dwelling with them with understanding ...*

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

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Luke 6:27, “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Luke 6:28, “bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Luke 6:29, “To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.”

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Five Qualities are expressed by five adjectives without a verb. The implied verb is an imperative. You must be ...

- ***Like minded* (in harmony, not discord)**
- ***Sympathy*, i.e., understanding the suffering of one another**
- ***Brotherly love***
- ***Kindhearted to one another***
- ***Courteous* is completely wrong; it is humble toward each other**

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εὐσπλαγχνος
eusplagchnos

nom masc plur
tenderhearted,
compassionate

ταπεινόφρων
tapeinophrōn

nom masc plur
humble, humility

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1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;”

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ἀποδίδωμι

apodidōmi

pres act part masc

plur nom to give

back, pay back

recompense,

repay

λοιδορία *loidoria*

insult, reproach,

verbal abuse, cursing,

reviling

1 Pet. 3:10, “For ‘He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.

1 Pet. 3:11, “ ‘Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

1 Pet. 3:12, “ ‘For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil.’ ”

David wrote while surrounded by hostile enemies (the Philistine city of Gath—also see Psa. 56)

Peter is writing to Jewish believers scattered amidst those hostile to Christianity.

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 - 2. David describes God's deliverance, Psa. 34:4–7.**
 - 3. David exhorts others to trust the LORD for protection and provision, Psa. 34:8–10.**
- B. The descriptive praise instructs others to praise God, Psa. 34:11–22.**
 - 1. David calls upon others to learn and experience God's goodness, Psa. 34:11–12.**

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בְּנֵי-1 *ben-1*

comm masc plur abs

“son”

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- 2. David instructs others of God's goodness to the righteous and those in need, Psa. 34:13–22.**

Psa. 34:13, “Keep [guard] your tongue from evil, and your lips from speaking deceit.

Psa. 34:14, “Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace [*shalom*] and pursue it.”

נצר *natzar*

qal imper

masc sing

to watch, keep

סור *sur*

qal imper masc sing

to turn aside, depart,

leave

Prov. 4:24, “Put away from you a deceitful mouth, and put perverse lips far from you.”

Prov. 13:3, “He who guards his mouth preserves his life, but he who opens wide his lips shall have destruction.”

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