

LIVING THE CHRISTIAN LIFE IN DIFFICULT TIMES
(1 Peter 3:8-12)

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING AND TRIALS well they NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

- A. An ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE on life (2:11)**
- B. An INTERNAL VICTORY by God's grace (2:11b)**
- C. An EXTERNAL DISPLAY to the Lost, of this victory (2:12)**
- D. An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION to CIVIL AUTHORITIES where you live (2:13-17)**
- E. An APPROPRIATE & APPROVING SUBMISSION in Your WORK PLACE (2:18-20)**
- F. An The EXAMPLE of SUBMISSION & UNDESERVED SUFFERING by the Savior to follow (2:21-25)**
- G. An ADORNMENT of SUBMISSION to Your HUSBAND (3:1-6)**
- H. An ATTITUDE of UNDERSTANDING & HONOR toward your Wife (3:7)**

I. An ABOUNDING LOVE Toward OTHER BELIEVERS (3:8)

1. The word "*finally*" introduces a _____ to this section of 1 Peter 2:11-3:12.
2. The phrase "*all of you*" is addressed to all of the _____ receiving these instructions.
3. Living the Christian life in difficult times not only involves a right _____ relationship with God, but should result in the right _____ responses toward other believers such as...
 - a. being of _____ (3:8b)
 - b. having _____ for one another (3:8c)
 - c. being willing to _____ as _____ (3:8d)
 - d. being _____ toward others (3:8e)
 - e. being _____ / _____ (3:8f)

J. An ABSENCE of RETAILATION Toward Others (3:9a)

1. Regarding _____, we are not to repay _____ for _____.
 - Romans 12:17-21

2. Regarding _____, we are not to repay _____ for _____!

- 1 Corinthians 4:8-14; 5:9-13

K. An AMAZING BLESSING towards the undeserving (3:9b-ff)

1. Instead of retaliation when wronged, God wants you to repay evil & reviling with _____.

2. "*Blessing*" refers to the _____ of a blessing, to act _____ toward someone, to _____ / _____ God's blessing upon them.

- Is this natural or supernatural?
- How does Peter support these instructions?
- How does all this apply to you? (3:10-11)
- What is the reason stated to motivate you to do this? (3:12)
- Are you living the Christian life in difficult times or are you just doing it your way?