

Summary/Application:

You must be harmonious. (*John 17:20-23; Rom. 12:16, 15:5; 1 Cor. 1:10; 2 Cor. 13:11; Phil. 1:27, 2:2, 3:14-16, 4:2*)

You must care about/for one another. (*Rom. 12:13,15; 1 Cor. 12:26; 2 Cor. 7:15; Eph. 4:32; Phil. 1:8, 2:1; Col. 3:12; Philemon 7,12,20; 1 John 3:17*)

You must be humble. (*Rom. 12:16; 2 Cor. 10:1; Eph. 4:2; Phil. 2:3-4; Col. 3:12; James 1:9, 4:6; 1 Peter 5:5*)

You must love one another. (*John 13:35; Rom. 12:10; 2 Cor. 5:14-15; 1 Thess 4:9; Heb. 13:1, 1 Peter 1:22, 2:17; 2 Peter 1:7; 1 John 3:11,14,16,23, 4:11*)

You must not repay evil in kind, (*Matt. 5:38-44; Luke 6:27-31; Rom. 12:17-19; 1 Cor. 4:12; 1 Thess. 5:15*)

but you must bless. (*Rom. 12:14,20-21; Gal. 5:13; Col. 3:15*)

Turn from evil, do good, seek peace. (*Rom. 12:18, 14:17,19; 2 Tim 2:22; James 3:17*)

We are not faultless but forgiven—don't act above your station! But act **well** *within* your station.



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THE FIRST LETTER OF PETER

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No. 17 – Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People, pt. 7

1 Peter 3:8-12

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Review

The apostle Peter, writing to Christians who are both *elect* and *exiles*, encourages them to live faithfully...

- Praising God for Our Salvation (1:3-12)
- Setting Our Hope on God (1:13-21)
- Growing in God's Word (1:22-2:3)
- Being Built Up as a Spiritual House (2:4-8, 9-10)
- Keeping Our Conduct Honorable as God's People (2:9-10, 11-12)
 - Being Subject as Citizens to Human Authorities (2:13-17)
 - Being Subject as Servants to Their Masters (2:18-25)
 - Being Subject as Wives to Their Husbands (3:1-6)
 - Being Considerate as Husbands to Their Wives (3:7)

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1 Peter 3:8-12

ESV **1 Peter 3:** ⁸ Finally, **all of you**, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. ⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. ¹⁰ For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; ¹¹ let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. ¹² For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

How to Live Like an Alien ("sojourners" and "exiles," 2:11)...

> ...means knowing who we are ("God's people," 2:9-10) and living our lives among unbelievers accordingly ("abstaining" from fleshly passions and "keeping" honorable conduct, 2:11-12)...

> ...which includes being subject to human authorities...

- > ...like government ("kings" and "governors," 2:13-17)...
- > ...and masters (household despots, 2:18-25)...
- > ...and husbands (3:1-7)
- > ...and "all of you" (3:8-12)

What does Peter mean?

'Finally, all of you...' (v. 8)

Unity of Mind (Harmony)

Keeping our conduct honorable as God's people...

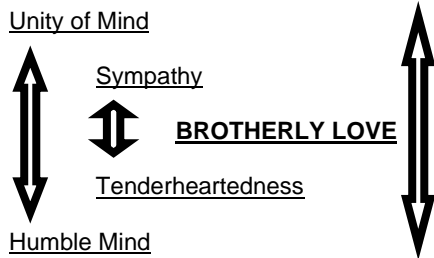
2:13 "for the Lord's sake"; 2:16 "as servants of God"; 2:18 "with all respect";
2:19 "mindful of God"; 2:20 "in the sight of God"; 3:4 "in God's sight"

Sympathy (Compassion)

Believers must be considerate of each other (vv. 8-12)

BROTHERLY LOVE

How... (vv. 8-9a)



Tenderheartedness (Kindness)

Humble Mind (Humility)

Not repaying evil for evil, nor reviling for reviling

Bless

'Do not repay...bless...' (v.9)

Why... (vv. 9b-12)

Because we were called to obtain (not earn but *inherit*) a blessing.

It is right...and always has been

God has commanded it.

God is watching.

'Desire...keep...turn...do...seek...pursue...' (v.10-11)

'Eyes...ears...face of the Lord...' (v.12)