

A Study of the General Epistles

(NT Survey Lesson 199--1 Peter 3)

Introduction: In chapter three Peter continues the exhortations of chapter two concerning how to live an excellent lifestyle, particularly emphasizing the theme of submission. In this chapter he shows the need to cultivate excellence in the home (3:1-7), in our relationship with others generally (3:8-12) and in our response to those who persecute us (3:13-4:7).

Lesson aim: To know how to keep our behavior excellent in home life, social life, and toward those who persecute us.

Excelling in home life--1 Pet. 3:1-7

1. What should the wife's attitude be toward her husband? Why should she conduct herself in this way?
2. What kind of behavior will enable a woman to convert her non-Christian husband? Upon what kind of adornment should godly women put their emphasis?
3. What kind of spirit is beautiful in God's sight? How did Peter describe this quality? Who did Peter say had adorned themselves in this way?
4. What woman does Peter give as an example for Christian women? What specifically did she do?
5. How are husbands to live with their wives? As with what?
6. What is the Christian man to grant to his wife? Why?

Excelling in social life--1 Pet. 3:8-12

1. List and define the qualities that Peter says Christians should have in v. 8-9.
2. What did the Psalmist say those who would love life and see good days should do? Why?

Excelling in persecution--1 Pet. 3:13-4:7

1. How would you answer the question of v. 13?
2. One is blessed if he suffers how?
3. What things does Peter urge Christians to do in response to persecution? (v. 14-16). Why is each important?
4. What does Peter say is "better"?
5. What does Peter affirm that Christ did?
6. What saved Noah and his family? What saves us? By what?
7. What does Peter say baptism is?