

Summing it up – Part 2
1 Peter 3:8-12

How do I live like Christ?

I. Exemplify the Virtues of Christ

II. Respond to Evil like Christ – v9

Matthew 5:44

But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

Romans 12:17

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men.

1 Thessalonians 5:15

See that no one repays another with evil for evil, but always seek after that which is good for one another and for all people.

1 Peter 2:23

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;

Romans 12:17-19

Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men. ¹⁹Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

Question – How do I bless my enemies?

- **We Love Others** – even enemies –

Matthew 5:43-44

You have heard that it was said, 'YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR and hate your enemy.' ⁴⁴But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you,

1 Thessalonians 4:9

Now as to the love of the brethren, you have no need for anyone to write to you, for you yourselves are taught by God to love one another;

1 John 4:7-11

Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God; and everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. ⁸The one who does not love does not know God, for God is love. ⁹By this the love of God was manifested in us, that God has sent His only begotten Son into the world so that we might live through Him. ¹⁰In this is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the propitiation for our sins. ¹¹Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.

- **We are grateful for others**

1 Corinthians 1:4

I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,

2 Corinthians 1:11

you also joining in helping us through your prayers, so that thanks may be given by many persons on our behalf for the favor bestowed on us through the prayers of many.

- **We Forgive**

1 Peter 4:8

Above all, keep fervent in your love for one another, because love covers a multitude of sins.

Mark 11:25

Whenever you stand praying, forgive, if you have anything against anyone, so that your Father who is in heaven will also forgive you your transgressions.

Colossians 3:13

bearing with one another, and forgiving each other, whoever has a complaint against anyone; just as the Lord forgave you, so also should you.

Proverbs 19:11

A man's discretion makes him slow to anger, And it is his glory to overlook a transgression.

III. Desire the approval of Christ – v10-12

Psalm 32:12-16

Who is the man who desires life And loves length of days that he may see good? ¹³Keep your tongue from evil And your lips from speaking deceit. ¹⁴Depart from evil and do good; Seek peace and pursue it. ¹⁵The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous And His ears are open to their cry. ¹⁶The face of the LORD is against evildoers, To cut off the memory of them from the earth.

Succinct truth which gains the Lord's Approval

- Keep Your Tongue from Evil
- Keep Your Lips from Deceit
- Turn from Evil to God
- Speak and Pursue Peace
- The Lord Listens to Righteous Prayers
- The Lord is Against Evil Doers

Seek our Lord's approval by responding in a holy manner through the virtues we learned from Christ.