



Serving God in Your Church

I Peter 3:8-12

- Peter has addressed the believer's relationship with government, with his employer, and with his family members; now he directs our attention towards the church.
- The phrase "one another" in the New Testament most often directs our attention to the church body.
- Peter tells us why we should serve God in our church at the same time he tells us how.

I. To receive the full blessing of your calling. 8-9.

knowing that ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.

A. We are called to love believers.

➤ It is not the only element of our calling, but it is an essential element.

B. This part of our calling is stated by Jesus. John 13:34-35

C. The blessing attached to our calling is in this life and in heaven.

Luke 18:29-30

II. To enjoy an abundant life. 10-11.

For he that will love life, and see good days

A. Jesus promised to provide abundant life to His followers. John 10:10.

B. An enjoyable life is the product of obedient living.

III. To belong to the crowd that is living righteously. 12

A. God gives constant attention to the needs of those who are living righteously. Psalm 34:15

B. God opposes those who are living wickedly.

C. If we want to be assured of God's help, we must strive to live righteously among righteous people.

*The means whereby we receive all our growth and increase in God
is the lively preaching of the Word of truth.*

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