

## Questions for Reflection and Discussion

### 1 Peter 3:10-12

#### Let us pursue peace by doing good.

#### *Background*

Who, when, what, where and why.

Who was Peter? When was Peter writing this letter? Where was Peter and where were his recipients? Why was he writing this letter to these churches?

#### **Digging In**



##### 1. Read 1 Peter 3:10

- What is the apostle Peter saying about the conflict caused by an unchecked tongue?
- Did you think what Christians communicated, in the first century, mattered?
- What does the apostle Peter mean when he says, “good days?”
- Do a quick study on the words keep (*παιδεία*), evil (*κακοῦ (kakos)*), good (*ἀγαθόν (agathos)*), deceitful (*δόλον (dolos)*).
- Summarize v. 10 in your own words.

##### 2. Read 1 Peter 3:11

- The apostle Peter gives four imperatives in this section. What are they and how do these imperatives relate to the way the apostle was instructing these churches to speak?
- What is evil according to 1 Peter? What is evil according to the NT (New Testament)? What is evil according to the OT (Old Testament)?
- What is this good that the apostle Peter is talking about here?
- How is the apostle Peter telling these churches to keep their tongues in check?
- Summarize v. 11 in your own words.

##### 3. Read 1 Peter 3:12

- What is the purpose for the apostle Peter telling these Christians to pursue peace by doing good?
  - Is the apostle Peter saying that works determine their eternal destination? (hint: 1 Peter 1:2, Ephesians 2:8-10)
  - According to the apostle Peter, what does it mean that God hears you and sees the righteous? Can living contrary to the gospel hinder one’s prayers and their relationship with God?
  - Why is it important that these Christians live out the gospel in word and deed? (hint: notice the status of those that do not believe in the gospel v.12b)
- Summarize v. 12 in your own words.

##### 4. Getting Personal

- How is the truth of what the apostle Peter is communicating relevant to you?*
- Are you battling with difficulties in communicating to others around you in a way that promotes peace?*
- Do your words communicate the gospel to those around you?*
- Share or write down one way that you can pursue peace by doing good this week.*

#### **Ways to study your Bible** (Thank Dr. Howard Hendricks for this one 😊):

- Observe what he is communicating to these churches, e.g., observe the words he uses, how he says things, and the imagery he is using in this letter. Read this section two times and summarize what the apostle Peter is talking about.*
- Interpret what he is saying to his audience and answer the why question; why is he saying what he is saying?*
- Correlate the truths you find in these sections with other verses in 1 Peter and throughout the OT and NT. How do these truths relate to the overall picture of Christ’s story?*
- Apply what he is communicating for us today. How can you apply these truths today?*