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1 Peter 3:10-12 (NLT)

Enjoy Life

I want you to be able to enjoy the life that I have given to you. That makes two of us. I want to enjoy the life that you have given to me. **I also want you to see many good days.** That sounds good to me as well. **I especially want to be able to hear and answer your prayers as I watch over your life.** I can't imagine anything better than you hearing and answering my prayers as you watch over my life. Is there anything that I must do to enjoy life and see many good days? Is there anything that would make it so my prayers would not be heard and answered? **It pleases me that you have asked these questions. Yes, there are several things you must do if you want to enjoy life and see good days. The quality of your life and the goodness of your days depend a lot on your own behavior.** How so? **What does my word say?** If I want to enjoy life and see good days I will need to place a guard on the words that come out of my mouth. I must speak good words that will bless the lives of others. My words must also tell the whole and complete truth. Speaking evil and telling lies will rob me of joy and prevent me from enjoying my life and seeing many happy days. **That's exactly right. What else?** I must turn away from every evil to do whatever is good in all my thoughts, words and deeds. In all my relationships I will need to seek and maintain peace. Nothing will rob my joy and ruin my days more quickly than living in continual conflict with others. You want me to be known as a peacemaker. **Yes, I do.** Thinking, speaking and doing evil will also hinder my prayers. **Yes, it will.** I want to live the life that you have called me to live. I want to do what pleases you. I want to know and do your will at all times. I will do all the good things that you have asked me to do for you as I turn away from every evil. **That will be very good.**

Lord, I know the life you have called me to live. You want me to turn away from every evil thought, word and deed. You want me to bless others with all I think, say and do. You want me to seek and maintain peace in all my relationships. This is what I will do. Amen

If *Whoever Would Love Life*

For, "Whoever would love life and see good days must keep his tongue from evil and his lips from deceitful speech. He must turn from evil and do good; he must seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

NIV 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *Whoever Desires To Love Life*

For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. 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."

ESV 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *You Want To Enjoy Life*

For the Scriptures say, "If you want to enjoy life and see many happy days, keep your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Search for peace, and work to maintain it. The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right, and his ears are open to their prayers. But the Lord turns his face against those who do evil."

NLT 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *Who Would Love Life*

For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain his tongue from evil, And his lips from speaking deceit. Let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it. For the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the LORD is against those who do evil."

NKJV 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *Those Who Desire Life*

For "Those who desire life and desire to see good days, let them keep their tongues from evil and their lips from speaking deceit; let them turn away from evil and do good; let them seek peace and pursue it. 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."

NRSV 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *Whoever Wants To Embrace Life*

Whoever wants to embrace life and see the day fill up with good, Here's what you do: Say nothing evil or hurtful; Snub evil and cultivate good; run after peace for all you're worth. God looks on all this with approval, listening and responding well to what he's asked; But he turns his back on those who do evil things.

MSG 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *Who Wants To Enjoy Life*

For let him who wants to enjoy life and see good days [good—whether apparent or not] keep his tongue free from evil and his lips from guile (treachery, deceit). Let him turn away from wickedness and shun it, and let him do right. Let him search for peace (harmony; undisturbedness from fears, agitating passions, and moral conflicts) and seek it eagerly. [Do not merely desire peaceful relations with God, with your fellowmen, and with yourself, but pursue, go after them!] For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous (those who are upright and in right standing with God), and His ears are attentive to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who practice evil [to oppose them, to frustrate, and defeat them].

AMP 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *You Want A Happy, Good Life*

If you want a happy, good life, keep control of your tongue, and guard your lips from telling lies. Turn away from evil and do good. Try to live in peace even if you must run after it to catch and hold it! For the Lord is watching his children, listening to their prayers; but the Lord's face is hard against those who do evil.

TLB 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *The One Who Desires Life*

For, "THE ONE who desires life, TO LOVE and see good days, MUST KEEP his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. "HE MUST TURN away from evil and do good; HE MUST SEEK peace and pursue it. "FOR THE EYES of the LORD are toward the righteous, AND HIS EARS attend to their prayer, BUT THE FACE of the LORD is against those who do evil."

NASB 1 Peter 3:10-12

If *A Person Must Do These Things To Enjoy Life*

The Scripture says, "A person must do these things to enjoy life and have many happy days. He must not say evil things, and he must not tell lies. He must stop doing evil and do good. He must look for peace and work for it. The Lord sees the good people and listens to their prayers. But the Lord is against those who do evil."

NCV 1 Peter 3:10-12

You Want To Enjoy Life

Year _____ Week _____ Day _____ Date _____

If – 1 Peter 3:10-12

In Context: Read 1 Peters 3

Begin With Prayer:

Here I am Lord. I Am Listening.

Meditating On God's Word: *(What is God speaking to your heart?)*

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Considering The Words: *(What words speak to your heart?)*

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Praying The Scripture: *(What prayer from your heart will you write?)*

Lord, I know the life you have called me to live. You want me to turn away from every evil thought, word and deed. You want me to bless others with all I think, say and do. You want me to seek and maintain peace in all my relationships. This is what I will do. Amen

What It Means: *(What questions speak to your heart?)* (Suggested questions for small group discussion are in bold)

How are you guarding the words that come out of your mouth?

How are you speaking words that will bless others when they hear them?

How are you making sure that the words that you speak are always completely truthful?

How are you turning away from every evil thought, word, and deed so you can live your life for God?

How are you seeking and working to maintain peace in all your relationships?

How has the Lord been hearing and answering your prayers as you have lived your life for Him?

Why can you be certain that God will not bless a life that is set on thinking, speaking and doing evil?

Living It Out: *(What action step is God guiding your heart to take?)*

Turn away from every evil thought, word, and deed so you can enjoy the good life God has given you to live for Him.

Seeing It Happen: *(What are you trusting God for in your heart?)*

Have faith that the Lord will bless your life as you do the good He has given you to do for Him.

Get Ready To Share: *(What can you share with others from your heart?)*

Share with another person or your small group how you are living the good life God has given you to live for Him.

Close With Prayer:

Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

Pause And Offer Prayers Of...

With An Attitude Of Faith Listen To What The Lord Wants To Say To You

Adoration... _____

Thanksgiving... _____

Confession... _____

Intercession... _____

Petition... _____

Journal

As You Quiet Yourself Before The Lord

What Do You Want To Say To Me Lord?

What Prayers Are You Praying Today?

Prayer Of Blessing

(What Prayer Of Blessing Can You Pray For Another?)

May you turn away from evil and do good so you will be able to enjoy life.

Prayer To Carry

(What Prayer Would You Like To Carry Throughout Your Day?)

Lord, I will turn away from evil and do good so I will be able to enjoy the life you have given to me.

What Do You Want To Remember About Today?

A Question To Ask God

(What Would You Like To Ask God?)

Lord, how can I turn away from evil and do good so I can enjoy the life you have given me to live?
