

*Living Upright in an Upside-Down World*

Friends and Foes

1 Peter 3:8–12

**1. Esteeming your friends**

*“Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;”* (1 Peter 3:8, NKJV)

- A. **Harmony** *“be of one mind.”*
- B. **Sympathy** *“having compassion.”*
- C. **Fraternity** *“love as brothers.”*
- D. **Pity** *“be tenderhearted.”*
- E. **Humility** *“be courteous.”*

**2. Encountering Your Foes**

*“Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing. 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.”* (1 Peter 3:9–12, NKJV)

**A. Do not return evil**

*“Not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”* (1 Peter 3:9, NKJV)

**B. Do not repeat evil**

*“For He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit.”* (1 Peter 3:10, NKJV)

**C. Do not respect evil**

*“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.”* (1 Peter 3:11–12, NKJV)