

LOVE IN ACTION (1 Peter 3:8-12)

INTRODUCTION:

Our text summarizes Peter’s encouragement for Believers to live harmonious relationships toward others.

In this message, we will focus our attention on four active steps we can take to demonstrate Love In Action in our everyday Christian living:

- I. CULTIVATE HARMONIOUS RELATIONSHIPS (v. 8)**
 - A. Believers Must Be Of One Mind (Like-Minded)** – (John 17:17; Titus 1:2; 1 Pet 1:15-16)
 - B. Believers Must Have Compassion One of Another** (Sympathy) – (Rom 12:15)
 - C. Believers are to Love as Brethren** (Brotherly Love) – (Heb 13:1)
 - D. Believers are to be Pitiful** (Tenderhearted)
 - E. Believers are to be Courteous** (Humility)

- II. OVERCOME EVIL WITH GOOD (V. 9)**
 - A. The Believer is not to retaliate, but bless those who do evil against him. Bless means to speak well of.**
 - B. What To Do – Bless Them** (Eph 4:31-32; Matt 5:44; Luke 6:27, 35)
 - C. The Promise – The Obedient Believer will Receive a Blessing**

- III. GUARD YOUR SPEECH AND PURSUE PEACE (vv. 10-11; James 1:19)**
 - A. Taming the Tongue** – “refrain his tongue from evil and his lips that they speak no guile” (v. 10).
 - B. Do Good** – “Let him eschew evil and do good” (v. 11a; 1 Cor 6:18; 1 Cor 10:14; 2 Tim 2:22; 2 Tim 3:1-5)
 - C. Seek Peace** – “Let him seek Peace and Ensure it” (v. 11b; Rom 12:18)
 - D. The Kitchen Table Decision** (Dr. M.L. King, Jr. Personal Illustration)

- IV. TRUST IN GOD’S PROVIDENCE (v. 12)**
 - A. Watch, Care, and Attentive Prayer for the Righteous** (v. 12a, b; Heb 4:16)
 - B. Divine Opposition To Evil Doers** (v. 12c; Ps 34:16)

CONCLUSION:

- A. Believers can demonstrate “Love In Action” when we Cultivate Harmonious Relationships; Overcome Evil With Good; Guard Our Speech and Pursue Peace; and Trust In God’s Providence.**
- B. Living with Love is not just a duty, it is the path to a deeply fulfilling life watched over by a loving God.**
- C. Lord I Need You** (Matt Maher)
- D. Romans Road** (Rom 3:10, 23; 5:8; 10:9, 13)

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“... the word of our God shall stand for ever” (Isa 40:8).