



Message



‘Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult. On the contrary, repay evil with blessing...’ (1 Peter 3:8-9a)



**When the pressure is on,
be guided by love**

‘...because to this you were called so that you may inherit a blessing.

For, “Whoever would love life and see good days must keep their tongue from evil and their lips from deceitful speech...

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.”

(1 Peter 3:9b-12)

Be guided by faith in God’s provision

‘Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good? But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed.’

(1 Peter 3:13-14a)

Be guided by faith in God’s promises

“Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.” But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord!

(1 Peter 3:14b-15a)

Be guided by faith in God’s person



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‘Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect...’

(1 Peter 3:15b-16)

Be guided by hope: *We have hope...*

‘For it is better, if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God. He was put to death in the body but made alive in the Spirit.’

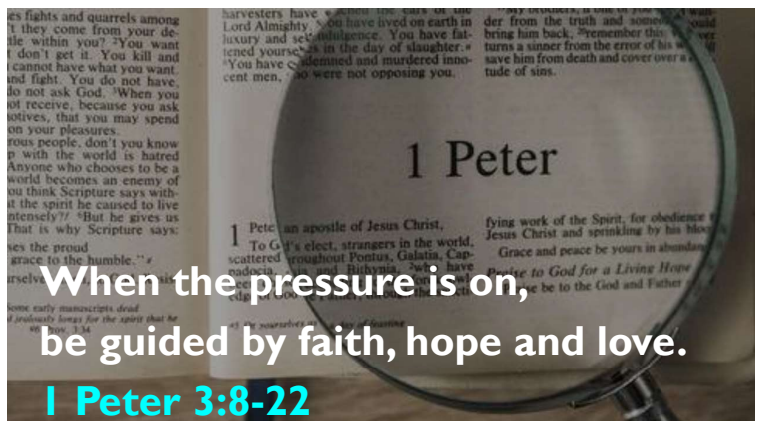
(1 Peter 3:15b-16)

Be guided by hope : *because we have a Saviour...*

‘After being made alive...[Jesus] has gone into heaven and is at God’s right hand — with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.’

(1 Peter 3:19-22)

Be guided by hope : *who is alive and victorious!*



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be guided by faith, hope and love.**

1 Peter 3:8-22