

# The Book of 1 Peter

## The Abundant Life in an Impoverished World

1 Peter 3:8-12

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### Bottom Line:

Life is a wonderful gift yet only those who are in Christ and led by Christ will experience an abundant life full of meaning, purpose and significance.

### *1. The abundant life is realized through a Christ-like character! 1 Peter 3:8-9*

*A. Being Christlike is experienced most clearly in loving unity! 1 Corinthians 1:10*

*B. Being Christlike flows from a humble heart and mind. Philippians 2:3*

*C.S. Lewis wrote,*

*“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.”*

### *2. The abundant life responds to evil empowered by amazing grace. 1 Peter 3:9-11*

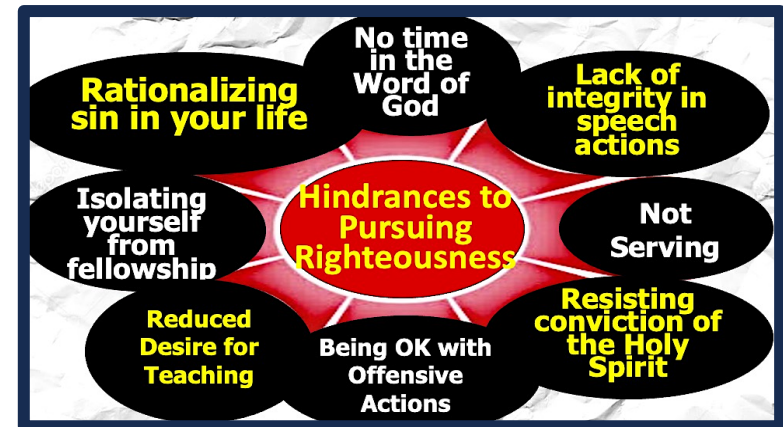
*A. The grace we have experienced frees us from retaliation. Romans 12:17-19*

*Christians do not retaliate because justice does not ultimately belong to us. We trust God to judge rightly. Retaliation assumes God cannot be trusted; grace believes He can.*

*B. The grace we have experienced empowers us to bless our enemies! Matthew 5:44*

### *3. The abundant life is reinforced by God's watchful supervision! 1 Peter 3:12*

*A. God blesses those who pursue righteousness  
Matthew 5:6*



*B. God opposed evil while remaining attentive to His people. 1 Peter 3:12; Romans 8:31*



*The abundant life is not a small calling. It is a holy one. And it is possible—not because we are strong, but because Christ is faithful!*