

First Peter

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1. We are to be submissive in conduct, 3:8-9

a. We are to be compatible, 3:8a “Finally, *be ye* all of one mind...”

Original Word: ὁμόφρων

Transliteration: homophrón

Definition: of one mind (intent, purpose), like-minded.

Properly, share the same perspective, i.e. *like-minded*; for believers, this means living in one accord ("having the *same mind*"). This Spirit-produced unity (agreement) results from receiving God's inworkings of faith ("His *persuasions*").

This describes believers enjoying *divinely-inspired harmony*. The *KJV* properly renders it, "Finally, all be *of the same mind*" – i.e. knowing God's mind (His thoughts) as He reveals it through faith (*pístis*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3675.htm>

Rom. 12:2 And be not conformed to this world: but **be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind**, that ye may prove what *is* that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

Eph. 4:23 And **be renewed in the spirit of your mind**;

Phil. 2:5 **Let this mind be in** you, which was also in Christ Jesus:

1 Cor. 2:16 For who hath known **the mind of the Lord**, that he may instruct him? But we have the mind of Christ.

1 Cor. 2:13 Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teacheth, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual.

14 But **the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.**

15 But he that is spiritual judgeth all things, yet he himself is judged of no man.

Rom. 12:16 **Be of the same mind** one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

1 Cor. 1:10 Now I beseech you, brethren, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye all **speak the same thing, and *that* there be no divisions among you;** but *that* ye be perfectly joined together **in the same mind and in the same judgment.**

Phil. 1:27 Only let your conversation be as it becometh the gospel of Christ: that whether I come and see you, or else be absent, I may hear of your affairs, that ye **stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together** for the faith of the gospel;

2 Cor. 13:11 Finally, brethren, farewell. Be perfect, be of good comfort, **be of one mind**, live in peace; and the God of love and peace shall be with you.

Phil. 2:2 Fulfil ye my joy, that **ye be likeminded**, having the same love, **being of one accord, of one mind**.

Phil. 4:2 I beseech Euodias, and beseech Syntyche, that they **be of the same mind in the Lord**.

b. We are to be compassionate, 3:8b
“...having compassion one of another...”

Original Word: συμπαθής
Transliteration: sumpathés
Definition: sympathizing, compassionate.
<http://biblehub.com/greek/4835.htm>

c. We are to be caring, 3:8c “...love as brethren...”

“...love as brethren...” looks at the special love that unites believers (cf. 1:22; 2:17).

Original Word: φιλάδελφος

Transliteration: philadelphos

Definition: loving like a brother, loving one's brethren.

philádelphos (from *phílos*, "affectionate friend" and *adelphós*, "brother") – "brotherly," referring to the love between fellow family-members – i.e. (*redeemed*) people in *God's family* (used only in 1 Pet 3:8). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5361.htm>

1 Pet. 1:22 Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, *see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently:*

1 Pet. 2:17 Honour all *men*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honour the king.

d. We are to be comforting, 3:8d "...*be* pitiful..."

Original Word: εὐσπλαγχνος

Transliteration: eusplagchnos

Definition: tender-hearted, merciful, compassionate, pitiful.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2155.htm>

Eph. 4:32 And be ye kind one to another, **tenderhearted**, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.

e. We are to be courteous, 3:8e "...*be* courteous:"

Original Word: φιλόφρων

Transliteration: philophrón

Definition: friendly, kindly, courteous.

philóphrōn (an adjective, derived from *phílos*, "lover, friend," and *phronéō*, "mind-set, *regulating* behavior") – properly, the *mind-set* of love which is quick to show friendly, courteous behavior.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5391.htm>

Review

- We are to be compatible, 3:8a “Finally, *be* ye all of one mind...”
- We are to be compassionate, 3:8b “...having compassion one of another...” = “Sympathetic”
- We are to be caring, 3:8c “...love as brethren...”
- We are to be comforting, 3:8d “...*be* pitiful...” = “Kindhearted”
- We are to be courteous, 3:8e “...*be* courteous:”

f. We are to be conciliatory, 3:9

(1) The law of retaliation, 3:9a-b

(a) The carnal response, 3:9a “Not rendering evil for evil, or railing for railing:

Mt. 5:9 Blessed *are* the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Rom. 12:9 *Let* love be without dissimulation. Abhor that which is evil; cleave to that which is good.

10 *Be* kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another;

11 Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;

12 Rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer;

13 Distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality.

14 Bless them which persecute you: bless, and curse not.

15 Rejoice with them that do rejoice, and weep with them that weep.

16 *Be* of the same mind one toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits.

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men.

18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men.

1 Cor. 4:12 And labour, working with our own hands: being reviled, we bless; being persecuted, we suffer it:

1 Thess. 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

"As Christians we can live on one of three levels. We can return evil for good, which is the satanic level. We can return good for good and evil for evil, which is the human level. Or, we can return good for evil, which is the divine level. Jesus is the perfect example of this latter approach (1 Peter 2:21-23)."

Wiersbe, Warren W. *The Bible Exposition Commentary*. 2 vols. Wheaton: Scripture Press Publications, Victor Books, 1989, Vol. 2, page 412.

1 Pet. 2:21 For even hereunto were ye called: because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that ye should follow his steps:

22 Who did no sin, neither was guile found in his mouth:

23 Who, **when he was reviled, reviled not again**; when he suffered, he threatened not; but committed *himself* to him that judgeth righteously:

(b) The Christian response, 3:9b

“...but contrariwise blessing...”

Original Word: εὐλογέω

Transliteration: eulogeó

Definition: (lit: I speak well of) I bless; pass: I am blessed.

eulogéō (from *eú*, "well, good" and *lógos*, "word, reason") – properly, to speak (reason) which *confers benefit*; hence, *bless*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2127.htm>

(2) The law of realization, 3:9c "...knowing that ye are thereunto called,..."

Heb. 6:9 But, **beloved, we are persuaded better things of you, and things that accompany salvation**, though we thus speak.

(3) The law of remuneration, 3:9d "...that ye should inherit a blessing."

Original Word: κληρονομέω

Transliteration: kléronomeó

Definition: I inherit, obtain (possess) by inheritance, acquire.

Properly, to assign inheritance (inherit) by *lot*.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2816.htm>

Col. 3:24 Knowing that **of the Lord ye shall receive the reward of the inheritance**: for ye serve the Lord Christ.

Heb. 12:17 For ye know how that afterward, **when he would have inherited the blessing, he was rejected**: for he found no place of repentance, though he sought it carefully with tears.

2. We are to be sanctified in conversation, 3:10

a. A desirable objective, 3:10a “For he that will love life, and see good days...”

Psa. 34:12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

b. A difficult operation, 3:10b "...let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips that they speak no guile:"

Psa. 34:12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

13 Keep thy tongue from evil, and thy lips from speaking guile.

3. We are to be saintly in character, 3:11-13

a. The right path, 3:11

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Psa. 34:12 What man *is he that* desireth life, *and* loveth *many* days, that he may see good?

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b. The right perspective, 3:12

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15 The eyes of the LORD *are* upon the righteous, and his ears *are open* unto their cry.

16 The face of the LORD *is* against them that do evil, to cut off the remembrance of them from the earth.

c. The right policy, 3:13

1 Pet. 3:13 And who *is* he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?

Psa. 38:20 They also that render evil for good are mine adversaries; because I follow *the thing that good is*.

1 Thess. 5:15 See that none render evil for evil unto any *man*; but ever follow that which is good, both among yourselves, and to all *men*.

Conclusion

3 Jn. 1:11 Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good. He that doeth good is of God: but he that doeth evil hath not seen God.