

## Counter-Cultural: The Christian & Public-Life

### **1 Peter 3:8-16**

- I. A Summary of Christian Living (8-9)
  - A. This passage is a summary of the teaching to this point.
  - B. Also – a summary of what a life touched by Jesus should look like
  - C. How should we be?
  - D. What should we not be?
  - E. We should be a blessing – we are called for this purpose
- II. Do You Really Want “The Good Life?” (10-13)
  - A. The one who “desires life, love, and to see good days”
  - B. How do we achieve this dream of a life?  
Transformation!
  - C. The spiritual essence of this: the Image of God
  - D. No “real” harm comes to those who do good
- III. The Transformed Life Is The Best Defense of the Gospel (14-16)
  - A. If you suffer for doing right – you are blessed
  - B. Set Christ apart in your heart
  - C. Your life will be so unique if lived with joy, peace, purity of speech, and patience, that others will take notice and ask about it
  - D. Be ready on that day for a defense of your hope in Christ
  - E. Let your light so shine that those belittling your faith will be put to shame by your good behavior