

Under Constant Surveillance

1 Peter 3:8-9

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Introduction

- *"Smile, You're on Candid Camera"*
- Surveillance in our society today
- The World is watching us
- Peter teaching on Lifestyle Evangelism—1 Peter 2:12

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A. The world watches our UNITY—1 Peter 3:8

1. Meaning : On the same "page"—Philippians 2:1-2
2. Areas of Unity
 - a. Same page "doctrinally"—Ephesians 4:12-13; 4:4-6
 - b. Same page "spiritually"—Ephesians 4:3; Romans 8:5-6
3. Impact of Unity—John 17:21

B. The world watches our LOVE—1 Peter 3:8

1. Three Terms describing "love"
 - a. "Compassion"—"to share the same feelings" Romans 12:5; Hebrews 13:3; 1 Corinthians 12:26
 - b. "Brotherly love"—familial friendship
 - c. "Tenderheartedness"—Ephesians 4:32
2. Impact of "Love"—John 13:35

C. The World watches our HUMILITY—1 Peter 3:8

1. "Courteous"—humble minded, modest opinion of oneself. Philippians 2:3-4
2. Greeks disdain for humility—sign of weakness
3. Humility as the most essential Christian virtue—1 Peter 5:5-6
4. The "mindset" of Christ—Philippians 2:5-8

D. The World watches our RESPONSE to MISTREATMENT —1 Peter 3:9

1. World's concept of retribution: *"Eye for eye"*
2. God never sanction retribution by individuals—Lev. 19:18; Matt 5
3. Instead of reviling, we are to bless.
 - a. To "bless" is to show active kindness towards another. Romans 12:17-21
 - b. Two reasons we are to "bless" and not blast.
 - 1) It is a command.—Matthew 5:44
 - 2) There's a reward—Matthew 5:11-12