

Questions to Consider—With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 14—Five Keys to Loving Life—1 Peter 3:10-12

1. 1 Peter 3:10-12 is a quote from Psalm 34:12-16. Psalm 34 is written by David during the events in 1 Samuel 21. Read Psalm 34 and 1 Samuel 21 and answer the following questions. (a) What events happened in 1 Samuel 21 that caused David to fear? (b) What did his fear lead him to do, according to Psalm 34? (c) How do the events in 1 Samuel 21 help you to understand what David writes in Psalm 34? (d) How does Psalm 34 show that David was encouraged by the Lord during his trial? (e) How would these words encourage Peter's readers? (f) How do they encourage you?



2. Memorize 1 Peter 3:12.
3. (a) How does Romans 3:13, 14 describe our speech? (b) How is our speech described in James 3:5-10? (c) What does James say in 1:26 about those of us who cannot control our tongue? (d) Why do you think Peter gives controlling our tongue as a key to loving life in 1 Peter 3:10?
4. (a) To whom are we supposed to “do good,” according to Galatians 6:10? (b) Why is “doing good” not always easy, according to Romans 7:18-25? (c) What does James 4:17 and 3 John 11 say about those of us who do not practice good? (d) Why do you think “doing good” is another key to loving life?
5. (a) What things can hinder our prayers according to Psalm 66:18; Matthew 6:5-8; Mark 11:24-26; Luke 18:10-14; 1 Timothy 2:8; James 4:1-4 and 1 Peter 3:7, 12? (b) Are any of these things hindering your prayers? (c) What can you do to remedy that?
6. How did Paul see his “bad days” as “good days,” according to 2 Corinthians chapters 6, 11 and 12?
7. How does 1 Peter 3:12 encourage you when others are doing evil against you?
8. How could you use 1 Peter 3:10-12 to help someone who is not enjoying life and possibly even considering taking their own life?
9. (a) What are some practical ways that you have learned to control your tongue that you can pass on to others? (b) How are you (or how did you) train your children to control their tongue?
10. (a) Do you love life? (b) If not, what is hindering that? (c) Are any of Peter's admonitions hindering your love for life? Please come with a prayer request so that others might pray for your need to start loving life the way God intended!