

“Godly Attitude of Life”

1 Peter 3:10-12; Psalm 34
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Introduction

- Primal beliefs—*general, simple beliefs about the world in which we live.*
- How we perceive the world influences our life and behavior.
- The world’s number one criticism of Churches—full of hypocrites
- The world is impressed by our...
 - Unity
 - Love
 - Humility
 - Response to mistreatment
 - Our attitude towards life

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A. What is a godly attitude? *“Love life and see good days”*

1. Historical background of Psalm 34—1 Samuel 21
2. Attitude Expressed
 - a. *“Love life”*-- Enthusiastic Eccl. 9:10; Col. 3:23
 - b. *“See good days”*—Optimistic Eccl. 3:12-13; 5:18-20
 - c. *“I will bless the LORD”*—Praise-filled Ps. 34:1-3

B. Source of a godly attitude?—*The Fear of the Lord*

1. A Strong faith and trust in God’s protection and provision.
 - a. The *“eyes of the Lord”*—God’s protection Ps. 33:18; 139:1-5
 - b. The *“ears of the Lord”*—God’s provision Ps. 34:4. 6-7, 17
2. A strong fear of God’s Discipline –1 Peter 3:12
 - a. The *“face of the Lord”* emphasizes his judgment on sin—Gen. 19:13; Psalm 34:211-22
 - b. God disciplines his children—Hebrews 12:5-6

C. Transferring a Godly Attitude into Life? 1 Peter 3:10-11

1. *“Refrain our tongues from evil and our lips from deceit”*
 - a. The near impossibility of controlling the tongue—James 3
 - b. Watching what we say and how we say it—Eph. 4:29
 - c. Committed to truth—Ps. 51:6; John 8:31-32
2. *“Turn away from evil and do good”*
 - a. *“Turn away”* is a deliberate choice—Prov. 3:7; 16:17
 - b. The *“good”* as defined by God’s Word
 - c. David’s painful experience—Psalm 32
3. *“Seek peace and pursue it”*
 - a. Peace within ourselves and with God—Phil 4
 - b. Peace with our fellow man—Rom. 14:19; 12:18