

Zealous for Good  
(1 Peter 3:13-17)

Preaching Point ... *Fearless enthusiasm to do right is a mark of the Lordship of Jesus.*

**1. The Right Passion (vv. 13-14)**

- The Goal (Pursue Good)
  
- The Reward (You're Blessed)
  - First, suffering is a high privilege to experience as a follower of the Lord Jesus (**Acts 5:40-41; 1 Peter 4:14; James 1:2-4**).
  - Second, the suffering of Christians is noticed by the Lord Jesus and will be rewarded (**Matthew 5:10-12; 1 Thessalonians 1:4-5; Revelation 14:13; James 1:12; Revelation 2:10**).
  
- The Counsel (Fear Not)
  - Peter quotes from **Isaiah 8:12** to give his Christian friends some counsel.
  - His readers should not be intimidated by unbelievers who could persecute them (**Luke 12:4-5**).

**2. The Right Response (vv. 15-17)**

- A Unique Alternative
  - Be submissive
  
  - Be ready
  
  - Be humble
  
  - Be good
  
- A Unique Perspective