

Our Calling to Bless

Stand Firm series on 1 Peter: 1 Peter 3:8-12

*The “Big Picture” of the Passage

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*Heart Attitudes that Enable Us to Fulfill This Calling

1 Peter 3:8 NLT

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* Look for Ways to be a Blessing

1 Peter 3:9 NLT

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* The Life God Blesses

1 Peter 3:10-12 NLT (a quotation of Psalm 34)

10 For the Scriptures say,
“If you want to enjoy life

and see many happy days,
keep your tongue from speaking evil
and your lips from telling lies.

11 Turn away from evil and do good.

Search for peace, and work to maintain it.

12 The eyes of the Lord watch over those who do right,
and his ears are open to their prayers.

But the Lord turns his face
against those who do evil.”