

IN SUMMARY! HOW TO ACT LIKE A CHRISTIAN, AND WHY!
1 Peter 3:8–12

The Heart of a Christian

⁸ Finally,
all of you,
have unity of mind,
sympathy,
brotherly love,
a tender heart,
and a humble mind.

One commentator has described this as “that inward of attitude in spiritual things which make schism unthinkable.” (*Bearle in Rienecker, p. 757*)

No Room for Vengeance

⁹ Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling,
but on the contrary,
bless,
for to this you were called,
that you may obtain a blessing.

The Christian’s
calling - see
1:15; 2:15, 21

The Christian’s inheritance –
see 1:3-5; 3:7, 9 cf. Romans
8:17

Repay no one evil for evil, but
give thought to do what is
honorable in the sight of all.
(*Romans 12:17*)

The Blessing of God on your Side

¹⁰ For “Whoever desires to love life and see good days, (*from Psalm 34:12-16*)

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let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit;

¹¹ **let him** turn away from evil and do good;

let him seek peace and pursue it.

THE DIRECTION OF A
CHRISTIAN’S ENERGY

¹² For the eyes of the Lord are **on** the righteous,
and his ears are **open** to their prayer.

A SENSE OF
PERMANENCE
OR FINALITY

But the face of the Lord is **against** those who do evil.”

PRACTICING

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. (*Ephesians 4:1–3*)

IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED TO RETRAIN YOUR MIND?
IN WHAT WAYS DO YOU NEED TO REDIRECT YOUR ENERGIES?