

"HE THAT WILL LOVE LIFE"

Int.

1. Aim: To show what a person will do if he truly loves life and wants the best
2. 1 Pet. 3:8-17
 - a. V. 1-7 = advice to husbands and wives
 - b. V. 8-17 = how to live
 - c. V. 9 = makes argument that Christians should refrain from all wrong doing and evil speaking
3. V. 10 - 11 NKJV "For "He who would love life And see good days, Let him refrain 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.
 - a. Quote from Ps. 34:12-16 to support his argument
 - b. Love life
 - i. "He that willeth to love life"
 - ii. "now loves life and wishes to continue to do so."
 - iii. Whoever wants to enjoy life
 - c. See Good days
 - i. Days of happiness, usefully and worthily spent
 - ii. Good - the feeling awakened by that which is good, pleasant, agreeable, joyful or happy !
 - iii. "He who would enjoy life and see happy days" = TCNT
4. Notice what we will do if we love life and see good days = 4 things we will do

Discussion

I. REFRAIN HIS TONGUE FROM EVIL

A. Refrain

1. To make to cease, or desist to restrain a thing or a person from something - let him cause to cease [Thayer p. 496]
2. To cease, implies a natural unruliness on the part of the tongue to utter evil
 - a. The tongue is an unruly evil - Jas. 3:2-8
 - b. All remember occasions where our tongue uttered something that got us into trouble
3. Refrain - means to make it stop - restrain - IT CAN BE DONE !

B. From Evil

1. Many forms of evil - 1 Pet. 2:1 - all evil speakings
 - a. Cursing, swearing, oaths, corrupt communication
 - b. Lying
 - c. Filthy language - obscene language - intended to cause sexual excitement - pornographic language
 - d. Hateful - unloving - unkind - rude
2. To see good days and enjoy life we must not allow evil language to come from our mouths

C. What difference does it make about the language we use ?

1. Can't we enjoy life and see good days and still speak evil ?
2. Text - 1 Pet. 3:10 says no !

3. God's word says we can't ! Our language reveals what kind of person we are !
 - a. Prov. 23:7
 - b. Matt. 12:34-37
4. Lord put a watch before the door of my lips - [should be our prayer]
5. Eph. 4:29
6. It is impossible to enjoy life and see good days while disobeying God's laws !

II. HIS LIPS SPEAK NO DECEIT [guile]

A. Deceit - NKJV - guile in KJV

1. To catch with a bait, a lure, snare, deceit, guile
2. To speak deceitfully, craftiness - [Thayer p. 155]

B. 1 Pet. 2:1

C. Flattery

1. Praise for others that is not sincere - to praise excessively from motives of self interest !
2. Bait to get something else desired
3. Prov. 29:5 "A man that flattereth his neighbour spreadeth a net for his feet."
4. Prov. 20:19 "He that goeth about as a talebearer revealeth secrets: therefore meddle not with him that flattereth with his lips."
5. There is a difference between a compliment and flattery !

D. Flattery will result in unhappiness in life ! Miserable because we will have no friends.

III. TURN AWAY FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD

- A. Turn away from evil
 - 1. Bend away from - as you would in a narrow path to let another pass
 - 2. Turn aside - keep going away from evil
 - 3. Christians must shun, avoid, and turn aside from all appearances of evil
 - 4. 1 Thes. 5:22 KJV "abstain from all appearance of evil"
 - a. TEV "avoid every kind of evil"
 - b. Do not get close to evil - shun it - stay away from any kind of evil

- B. Do good
 - 1. This is the only way to turn away from evil !
 - 2. Do only that which is good - not that which is evil
 - 3. He must do good, walk in the way of righteousness
 - 4. Gal. 6:10
 - a. Be ready to take advantage of occasions to do good
 - b. To everyone - not just those of our family, own race
 - c. We are even to help those who harm us - Matt. 5:44
 - 5. Many times we let opportunities to do good pass. Jas. 4:17

IV. SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT

- A. Seek peace
 - 1. We are living in a world of war and strife and hatred among men
 - 2. We need to have peace among nations, among men, among families, all people
 - 3. Peace, between individuals, harmony concord - peace

B. Pursue

1. Pursue in an attempt to attain - to seek after eagerly, earnestly - endeavor to acquire [Thayer p. 153]
2. Pursue peace at all times
3. Seek peace where it has been lost
4. Restore peace when it has been broken
5. Pursue peace when it seems to be flying away
6. Phil. 4:7
7. Matt. 5:9

Conclusion

1. All of us seek happiness and a good life
2. Therefore we must
 - a. Refrain our tongue from evil
 - b. Refrain our lips from deceit or flattery
 - c. Turn from evil and do good
 - d. Seek peace and pursue it
3. If we do these things then we will be righteous - happy and have a good life.
4. 1 Pet. 3:12-17