## HOW CAN WE LIVE THE GOOD LIFE? WALKING IN THE CONTEXT OF GOD'S BLESSING 1Peter 3:8-12

- I. LIVE ACCORDING TO BIBLICAL KNOWLEDGE: Let God through His Word direct your heart and actions (especially towards those who persecute) (3:8-9a)
  - A. Keep a right heart attitude toward others (primarily believers) (3:8)
    - 1. Let all be same minded
    - 2. Let all be sympathetic
    - 3. Let all be brotherly
    - 4. Let all be tender hearted
    - 5. Let all be lowly minded
  - B. Respond rightly to those (primarily non-believers) who do evil to you and/or insult you and bless (9a, 10-11)
    - 1. In your actions do not sin in response (9a)
    - 2. In your speech do not sin in response but bless instead (9a)
    - 3. How specifically? Psalm 34 also instructs us (10-11)
- II. UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE BEEN CALLED TO RESPOND RIGHTEOUSLY WHEN SUFFERING, WHICH RESULTS IN GOD'S BLESSING ON OUR LIVES and maybe others (3:9b-12)
  - A. Know we have been called to respond rightly when suffering and bless so that God might bless us and open doors to save (3:9b, 2:12, 15, 21, 3:15-16)
  - B. Our earthly calling and God's resulting blessing in this life explained through Psalm 34 (10-12)