

Date: **March 21, 2021**

Series: **Triumphant in Tribulation**

Title: **Pursue the Good Life**

Scripture Text: **1 Peter 3:8-12**

Today's sermon looks at what it means to pursue the good life. Often we may get distracted by what the culture describes as the good life, but the Bible defines it in a very different way. It is not about getting, but about giving. Not about enduring, but about enjoying. Jesus said for us to take up His yoke, for it is easy and light ([Matt. 11:29-30](#)). Let us see how to pursue the good life.

I. Godly Attitude (1 Peter 3:8)

This verse lists five attitudes to focus on: harmony (like-minded), sympathy, brotherly love, kind-hearted (compassionate), and humility. By these five attitudes, the church can be built up, and its members be equipped to engage the culture around them.

- Describe a practical application for each of these five attitudes.
- Which of these five attitudes comes more naturally to you?
- With which do you have the most challenge?
- What are useful activities you can do to help develop your *godly attitude*?

II. Godly Actions (1 Peter 3:9)

As we find ourselves in different circumstances, there are three typical ways to respond: evil for good (satanic), good for good / evil for evil (natural), and good for evil (supernatural). Godly actions involve living supernaturally; being motivated by our relationship with Jesus and what He has done for us.

- Why is it so easy to return evil for evil or good for good?
 - What did Jesus say about that in [Luke 6:32-36](#)?
- What is the most challenging thing about living a supernatural life?
 - Have you ever had an engagement with another Christian when you walk away saying "I am blessed because of them"?
- How can living supernaturally edify other Christians? The lost who you interact with?

III. Godly Decisions (1 Peter 3:10-11)

We need to be intentional with our choice of *words* (vs. 10) and *ways* (vs. 11). Our *words* should be supportive and truthful, and our *ways* should be in pursuit of goodness and peace.

- Describe the impact of our words?
- How can words be used to build each other up / tear each other down?
- How easy is it for you to control your tongue ([James 3:1-12](#))?

IV. Godly Motivation (1 Peter 3:12)

We should be motivated to please our Heavenly Father! Remembering what He has done for us and having an understanding of His grace and mercy can help motivate us to obey Him as we bless others.

- According to [John 14:15](#), how do we show Jesus we love Him?
 - How can being motivated by Jesus' love help us obey His commands?
 - How can we experience the good life by obeying Jesus' commands?

If you have a need or a prayer request, contact the church office at [850.878.5503](tel:850.878.5503), office@morningsidetlh.org, or complete the [Prayer Request Form](#)