



Daily Verse and Comment

1 Peter 3:10-12

(10) For the one who desires to love life, and to see good days, let him restrain his own tongue from evil, and not allow his lips to speak deceit. (11) Let him avoid evil, and let him *continually* practice good. Let him seek peace, and let him earnestly pursue it (12) Because the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their supplications. But *the face of the Lord* is against those who practice evil.

A Faithful Version

Notice the situation in which Peter applies this idea. In verse 8, he writes, "All of *you* be of one mind," and then, "[Love](#) as brothers." He brings the fight against evil to our community, the church! It is within the church, like it or not, that we may have the most trouble with the evil inside. Why?

In [the world](#), Christians shine like beacons because the contrast between themselves and the uncalled is so stark. We keep God's commandments, [the holy days](#), and the food laws. We try to do good. However, when we are among other Christians, and the contrast is less discernable, how do we react? Do we react as Christians or as carnal?

We often seem to be able to get along well with the world because we know where everybody stands, but among church members, we frequently have problems. Sometimes problems crop up because we lower our guard, and at other times, because we expect so much of our fellow Christians.

We do not want the evil in us to come out and defile our relationships within the church. Yet, if we see problems arising, then we know that evil is present. We have just allowed *ho poneros*, the wicked one, among us. It becomes imperative, then, to stamp it out as soon as possible.

Thus, Peter advises: "Turn from evil. Do good. Seek [peace](#) and pursue it. If you do not, [God](#) will turn His face against us"—and we certainly do not want that.

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