



Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic,  
love one another, be compassionate and humble.  
Do not repay evil with evil or insult with insult.  
On the contrary, repay evil with blessing,  
because to this you were called so that you may  
inherit a blessing. For,

“Whoever would love life  
and see good days  
must keep their tongue from evil  
and their lips from deceitful speech.  
They must turn from evil and do good;  
they must seek peace and pursue it.  
For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous  
and his ears are attentive to their prayer,  
but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil.”

Who is going to harm you if you are eager to do good?  
But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are  
blessed. “Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.”  
But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord.  
Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who  
asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have.  
But do this with gentleness and respect,  
keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak  
maliciously against your good behavior in Christ  
may be ashamed of their slander. For it is better,  
if it is God’s will, to suffer for doing good than  
for doing evil.