

Happy Days In Tough Times!

Part 6 | Peter 3:8-18

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**Interestingly, King David lived in Tough Times and found a way to Love Life,
King Solomon lived in Easy Times and found a way to Hated Life!**

The thief's purpose is to steal and kill and destroy. My purpose is to give them a rich and satisfying life.
John 10:10

How to Have Happy Days In Tough Times!

1. You Must _____ Your Friends. (8)

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A man who has friends must himself be friendly. Proverbs 18:24a (NKJV)

5 Qualities to Having Friends—Checklist!

1. Harmony-- *be of one mind*
2. Sympathy-- *Sympathize with each other*
3. Fraternity--- *Love each other as brothers and sisters*
4. Pity-- *Be tenderhearted*
5. Humility-- *keep a humble attitude*

2. You Must _____ Your Foes.

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| Peter 3:9-11

>Do NOT REPAY Evil ⁹ Don't repay evil for evil

3 Choices

- >Repay evil for good
- >Repay evil for evil
- >Return good for evil

- Unnatural, Demonic
- Natural, Human
- Supernatural, Godly

- Satan
- Clint E.
- Stephen

>Do NOT REPEAT Evil *keep your tongue from speaking evil*

Watch your tongue and keep your mouth shut, and you will stay out of trouble Prov. 21:23

>Do NOT RESPECT Evil *Turn away from evil*

¹² *The eyes of the LORD watch over those who do right, and His ears are open to their prayers.
But the LORD turns His face against those who do evil.* I Peter 3:12

Example of Christ I Peter 2:21

3. You Must _____ Your Faith

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Before We Can Communicate Our Faith We Must _____ Our Faith!

- 1. Full Faith *eager [zealot] to do good*
- 2. Fearless Faith *God will reward you for it. So don't worry or be afraid...*
- 3. Firm Faith *Instead, you must worship Christ as Lord of your life.*

Before We Can Communicate Our Faith We Must Be Able To _____ Our Faith!

- Be Ready** *always be ready to explain it.*
- Be Respectful** *But do this in a gentle and respectful way*

ANSWERS:
Cherish, Confront, Communicate,
Demonstrate, Defend



JESUS Compass Cove
Children's Church
Dismiss @ **10:15 am**
from Worship Center

**Kindergarten – 5th Grade
Upstairs Worship Center**

Financial Update

Total Weekly Budget
\$ 12,857.00

Weekly Offering
Received
September 25, 2016
\$8,085.90

Today

New Members Class

- 11:15 am
- Fellowship Hall
- Lunch provided