

THE POWER OF GIVING

STICKS AND STONES

1 Peter 3:8-12

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Let him who means to love life and see good days... seek peace and pursue it. 1 Peter 3:10-11

How can we learn to be peacemakers and not _____?

1. Recognize the natural response in conflict: _____.

...not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult. 1 Peter 3:9

A. Insult for insult is always intended to _____.

B. Insult for insult always tends to _____.

C. Insult for insult is rooted in a _____ and _____ heart.

2. Choose the godly response in conflict: _____.

*...not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, **but giving a blessing instead**; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9*

A. Giving a blessing means _____.

B. Giving a blessing requires _____.

To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit. 1 Peter 3:8

C. Giving a blessing requires _____.

D. Giving a blessing requires _____.

...and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously. 1 Peter 2:23

3. Receive the _____ of God.

A. You will _____.

*... for you were called for the very purpose that you might
inherit a blessing. 1 Peter 3:9*

B. You will _____.

Let him who means to love life and see good days... 1 Peter 3:10

C. You will have God's _____ upon you.

*For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears
attend o their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against
those who do evil. 1 Peter 3:12*

Q. Will you choose _____ for your life today?