

1 Peter 3:8-9

(how to be blessed)

3:8

Finally

(1)

ALL
(of you be)

Be what?

of one mind

having compassion for one another

love as brothers

(be) tenderhearted

(be) courteous; (2)

3:9

Do what?

Say what?

(3)

not returning

What?

evil for evil

or reviling for reviling

but on the contrary

What?

blessing,

Why?

knowing

What?

that you were called to this,

that you may inherit a blessing.

(4)

Notes

(1) These verses do not begin with a verb. Rather ALL stands out. This ALL contrasts with wives who were instructed in 3:1-6 and husbands who were instructed in 3:7. These verses are for everyone.

(2) There is a textual variant at the end of verse eight. The KJV and NKJV read "be courteous," but most others follow the critical text and have "be humble."

(3) The subject is more specific in 3:9 than in 3:8, focused more on doing and speaking than on being.

(4) The blessing referred to in 3:9 is conditional, as made clear in the following verses (3:10-12).