

Built to Bless (Part 6) - Going Deeper Questions

Sunday, July 26, 2026

Question #1: Peter calls believers to be like-minded, sympathetic, compassionate, humble, and to “love one another deeply.” Which of these qualities is most evident in your life right now? Which one needs the most growth? What would it look like for you to intentionally demonstrate Christlike love within your family, church, workplace, or community this week?

Question #2: Peter commands believers not to repay evil with evil or insult with insult, but instead to bless those who mistreat them. Why is this response so unnatural? Think of a relationship where you have been hurt, offended, or disappointed. How might choosing forgiveness, kindness, or prayer over retaliation reflect the character of Jesus in that situation?

Question #3: Peter says that those who want to “love life and see good days” must guard their words, turn from evil, do good, and pursue peace. Which of these areas presents the greatest challenge for you? How are your words, attitudes, and actions either contributing to peace or creating tension in your relationships?

Question #4: Peter reminds believers that Christ suffered for us, brought us to God, and now reigns in victory. How does knowing that Jesus has already secured the ultimate victory change the way you handle criticism, conflict, suffering, or opposition? What area of your life requires you to trust Christ’s victory more fully instead of trying to control the outcome yourself?

Challenge:

1. Identify one person who has frustrated, hurt, disappointed, or offended you. Instead of avoiding them, criticizing them, or replaying the offense in your mind, intentionally bless them this week through a prayer, encouraging word, act of kindness, or practical gesture of care.
2. Before speaking, posting, texting, or responding this week, ask yourself: “Will these words build up or tear down?” Make it your goal to encourage at least one person each day through intentional, life-giving words.
3. Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal one relationship where peace needs to be restored. Take the first step this week, whether that means initiating a conversation, offering an apology, extending forgiveness, or simply reaching out in love. Don’t wait for the other person to move first; be a peacemaker who reflects Jesus.