

Whoever Would Love Life

1 Peter 3.8-12

A considerable body of theological opinion believes that the quotation from Psalm 34 in 1 Peter 3.10-12 was either adapted as a Christian hymn in the first century, or became part of the primitive catechism. Either way it is a beautiful passage of Scripture, and the early believers memorized it in order that it might become an integral part of their thinking. The theme is "loving life." I think there are three things that we can draw from this passage of Scripture,

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and see good days**

*must keep his tongue from evil
and his lips from deceitful speech.*

¹¹ *He must turn from evil and do good;
he must seek peace and pursue it.*

¹² *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.' 1 Peter 3.8-12; Palm 34.12-16

1. What We BELIEVE Is Fundamental To The Lives We Live

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2. Our BEHAVIOR Is Inexplicably Bound Up In Belief.

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