

UNMISTAKABLE

LESSONS FOR LIFE FROM 1 PETER

#5 - UNMISTAKABLE WITNESS

➤ MY WITNESS WILL BE UNMISTAKABLE WHEN

1. I WITNESS WITH MY ATTITUDES

Finally, all of you, be like-minded, be sympathetic, love one another, be compassionate and humble. **1 Peter 3:8**

- **Harmonious** – (call team onto the stage) Different roles but the same purpose.
- **Loving** -
- **Compassionate** - (two different Greek words that can be translated as compassionate or sympathetic)
- **Humble** -

2. I WITNESS WITH MY ACTIONS

Don't repay evil for evil.... pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and He will bless you for it.

1 Peter 3:9a (NLT)

Walk away from the evil things—just leave them behind, and do what is right, and always seek peace and pursue it. **1 Peter 3:11** (VOICE)

- **My actions become a double-edged sword for my witness; stopping evil, doing good**

Live so that you don't have to feel you've done anything wrong. Some people may say evil things about your good conduct as believers in Christ. If they do, they will be put to shame for speaking like that about you. **1 Peter 3:15** (NIrV)

3. I WITNESS WITH MY WORDS.

...Don't retaliate with insults when people insult you.... pay them back with a blessing. That is what God has called you to do, and He will bless you for it. **1 Peter 3:9b** (NLT)

Scripture says, "Do you want to love life and see good days? Then keep your tongues from speaking evil. Keep your lips from telling lies **1 Peter 3:10** (NirV)

But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect. **1 Peter 3:15** (NIV)

- When Jesus is Lord in my heart it will be seen what I say and how I say it. I will be ready to speak but I will not be rude when I speak!

4. I WITNESS WITH MY HOPE.

- **It is my hope, (confident expectation) that enables my attitude, actions, and speech even when things seem hopeless.**

Do not fear what they fear; do not be frightened. **1 Peter 3:14** (NLT)

Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. **1 Peter 3:15b**

**(Peter fleshes this out further by quoting from Isaiah 8:12
Pretty cool to know the context Isaiah 8:1-13)**

This is what the LORD said with his powerful hand on me. He warned me not to follow the ways of these people: ¹² "Don't say that everything these people call a conspiracy is a conspiracy. Don't fear what they fear. Don't let it terrify you." ¹³ Remember that the LORD of Armies is holy. He is the one you should fear and the one you should be terrified of. **Isaiah 8:11-13** (GW)

....and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also--not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand--with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him. **1 Peter 3:21-22** (NIV)

- Peter reminds them that the God who saved Jesus when all seem hopeless is the God who saves me! He is my hope!