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*For from you the word of the Lord has sounded forth... in every place. (1 Thessalonians 1:8)*

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## LOVE LIFE, AND SEE GOOD DAYS

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### **BIOGRAPHY FOR RENN AND CHLOE FERGUSON**

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**D**o you love your life? I recently read an article that discussed the fact that Americans are getting more miserable as the years go by. The article went on to say that about 13% of Americans are not satisfied or happy with their life. While there can be many contributing factors to making one unhappy, it can be hard to figure out what one can do to become happy. Well, thankfully there is someone who can help. In 1 Peter 3:10-12 God tells us exactly what we should do if we want to “love life and see good days”.

The first thing that God mentions is about the tongue. He said, “He who would love life and see good days, let him refrain his tongue from evil, and his lips from speaking deceit...” If we want to be happy we need to keep our tongue from evil (gossip, slander, backbiting, cursing) and deceit. Why would

God list this one first? Probably because a lot of our heartaches come from an evil use of the tongue. (See also James 3:1-12).

Next, God said “Let him turn away from evil and do good; to seek peace and pursue it.” First we are to turn from evil. Much like with the usage of our tongues the way that we behave can cause us a lot of trouble and unhappiness. Certainly one can be unhappy due to external circumstances but, sometimes we bring it on ourselves by living a sinful life. If we want to live a happy life let us cease from practicing evil and begin practicing righteousness (Proverbs 16:7). On top of this we are instructed to pursue peace. Living righteously and being peaceful are inseparable. If we do our best to promote peace whenever possible it is certain that our lives will abound happiness.

Finally, notice what is said in verse 12, “for the eyes of the LORD are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their prayers...” If we do these things, and life that is pleasing to God He will be with us and is He not the source of our happiness? If one keeps their tongue from evil, does good, and facilitates peace they will undoubtedly be more happy. Why? Because God, the source of love, joy, peace, and comfort will be with them (2 Corinthians 1:3; Romans 15:13; 1 John 4:16).

If you are feeling unhappy, or unsatisfied with life take a step back and see if you are refraining your tongue from evil, of you are practicing what is good, and if you are pursuing peace. If not, that may be exactly what you need.