



1 Peter 3:8 | Built to Last: Attributes of a Winning Church

1. Zealously _____ (8a)

2. Genuinely _____ (8b)

3. Consistently _____ (8c)

Scripture Memory

“but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,”

–1 Peter 3:15

Application Questions

Community Groups meet throughout the week and play a crucial role in our response to the preaching of the word. These groups gather to discuss the following questions as we seek to apply the sermon in community with one another. Please visit compassntx.org to join a small group near you.

1. Read **1 Peter 3:8** and **1 Corinthians 1:10**. What criteria should you use to discern whether a disagreement (doctrinal or practical) is serious enough to raise? (For example: Is it about the gospel itself, clear biblical commands, or personal preference?) Who is the most appropriate person to approach first, and how can you do that in a way that obeys 1 Peter 3:8?
2. Read **1 Peter 3:8** and **1 Peter 1:22–23**. Identify one specific relationship (or type of person) at Compass where you sense the Lord calling you to grow in brotherly love and tender-hearted care. What is one concrete action you will take this week to pursue that person in love (e.g., text, invitation, practical help, prayer, confession)?
3. Read **1 Corinthians 12:26** and **Romans 12:3**. Where do you most feel the pull toward pride, self-importance, or preference in church life right now? How would a more “sober” and humble view of yourself (Romans 12:3) practically change the way you respond to others’ needs and to differences in the body (1 Corinthians 12:26)?
4. Read **1 Peter 3:8** again. In what practical ways would a church marked by unity of mind, genuine mutual care, and humble-mindedness be better prepared to stand firm if serious opposition or social pressure against biblical Christianity increased? Can you describe a situation (present or plausible) where these three qualities would make the difference between a church fracturing and a church staying faithful?

Recommended Reading

- *Building Up One Another* - Gene Getz
- *Love or Die* - Alexander Strauch
- *Humbled* - David Mathis