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HOW TO HANDLE HOSTILITY

1 PETER 3:8–9



1ST PETER

LIVING IN LIGHT
OF ETERNITY

1 Pet. 2:17, “Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.”

How to implement these four imperatives in our lives is explained by the following Greek participles:

1 Pet. 2:18: Servants *by being submissive to your masters ...*

1 Pet. 3:1: Wives, likewise *by being submissive to your own husbands ...*

1 Pet. 3:8: Husbands, likewise *by dwelling with them with understanding ...*

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;

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Understanding the KOSMIC System

**1. All human beings are fallen sinners.
Rom. 3:23; Isa. 53**

Isa. 53:6, “All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned, every one, to his own way; and the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.”

2. The Kosmic system is an organized system of thinking that is in opposition to God. The Greek word *kosmos*, has a root meaning of *adornment, order, arrangement.*

As such one meaning is the arrangement of human viewpoint thinking in opposition to Divine viewpoint.

2 Cor. 4:4, “whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.”

John 16:11, “of judgment, because the ruler of this world is judged.”

Eph. 2:2, “in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience,”

3. At the core of the devil's thinking are two attributes: autonomy, antagonism

Autonomy is everything related to self: self-absorption, self-indulgence, self-justification, self-deception, self-reliance, self-assertion—self, self, self.

Antagonism: hostility to the Word of God, Divine viewpoint, Christians, and anyone who stands for the absolute truth of the Word of God.

4. Thus the thinking of the world is juxtaposed in Scripture to the thinking of God. We have God's thinking represented as Divine viewpoint and man's thinking as human viewpoint or worldliness or even Satanic thought.

5. Unbelievers and believers promote *kosmic* thinking.

Rom. 12:2, “And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.”

6. Sin and the sin nature produce *kosmic* thinking and are reinforced by it.

World system ←————→ sin nature

7. Since God is Truth and Light and in Him is no darkness; the opposite is true of Satan, the father of lies.

John 8:44, “You are of your father the devil, and the desires of your father you want to do. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own resources, for he is a liar and the father of it.”

8. Those who represent the world system: religious leaders, political leaders, philosophers, the everyday person, are characterized by the sin nature.

9. The solution is the spiritual life given to us through Jesus and the Holy Spirit.

John 16:33, “These things I have spoken to you, that in Me you may have peace. In the world you will have tribulation; but be of good cheer, *I have overcome the world.*”

Rom. 12:2, “*And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God.*”

10. The kosmic system values power, self-sufficiency as opposed to God-dependency, self-assertion, and self-promotion. Divine viewpoint values the power of God, the protection of God, genuine humility, replacing self-protection with dependency.

1. We are all members of the body of Christ and therefore in an organism where we are members of one another.

Rom. 12:5, “so we, being many, are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.”

Eph. 4:25, “Therefore, putting away lying, ‘Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor,’ for we are members of one another.”

2. Therefore the Christian Church is to be a community that differs very much from the way the world does things and that the Church itself needs to be a refuge from the kinds of insults, competition, arrogance, and hostility that come from those outside the Church.

3. Peter is addressing a community to teach them how they are to respond to the various assaults from without, and by application from within.

4. In order for the Christian community to be what God intended then certain qualities should and must be present. These are represented by five adjectives in 1 Pet. 3:8.

5. These flow out of the humility and grace orientation that is the basis for authority orientation and submission. The fact is Paul and Peter are not singling out either men and women for some sort of special browbeating about being submissive. He is applying to each what should be true of all believers.

Luke 6:27, “But I say to you who hear: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you,

Luke 6:28, “bless those who curse you, and pray for those who spitefully use you.

Luke 6:29, “To him who strikes you on the one cheek, offer the other also. And from him who takes away your cloak, do not withhold your tunic either.”

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Five Qualities are expressed by five adjectives without a verb. The implied verb is an imperative. You must be ...

- ***Like minded* (in harmony, not discord)**
- ***Sympathy*, i.e., understanding the suffering of one another**
- ***Brotherly love***
- ***Kindhearted to one another***
- ***Courteous* is completely wrong; it is humble toward each other**

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brothers, be tenderhearted, be courteous;”**

ὁμόφρων *homophrōn*

nom masc plur

**of one mind, like minded,
same way of thinking**

Rom. 15:5, “Now may the God who gives perseverance and encouragement grant you to be of the same mind with one another according to Christ Jesus,”

2 Cor. 13:11, “Finally, brethren, rejoice, be made complete, be comforted, be like-minded, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.”

Phil. 2:2, “make my joy complete by being of the same mind, maintaining the same love, united in spirit, intent on one purpose.”

Phil. 2:5, “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus,”

Phil. 4:2, “I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to live in the same mind in the Lord.”

****This can only happen when our thinking is conformed to Christ and we are walking according to the Spirit.**

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συμπαθής

sumpathēs

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hapax.

**sympathetic;
understanding**

Rom. 12:15, “Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.”

1 Cor. 12:26, “And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; or if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it.”

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**φιλάδελφος , *philadelphos*,
loving one's brother or
sister (for the prim. sense
loving one's brother)**

John 13:34, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another.

John 13:35, “By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.”

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εὐσπλαγχνος
eusplagchnos

nom masc plur

**tenderhearted,
compassionate**

Phil. 2:1, “Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy,”

Col. 3:12, “Therefore, as the elect of God, holy and beloved, put on tender mercies, kindness, humility, meekness, longsuffering;”

1 Pet. 3:8, “Finally, all of you be of one mind, having compassion for one another; love as brothers, be tenderhearted, be genuinely humble;”

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nom masc plur

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ταπεινόφρων
tapeinophrōn

nom masc plur

humble, humility

1 Pet. 3:9, “not returning evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary blessing, knowing that you were called to this, that you may inherit a blessing.”

1 Pet. 2:23, “who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously;”