

3:8a Finally, all of you, be like-minded, sympathetic, affectionate, **Conclusion** (to 2:13-3:7) compassionate, and humble,

9a not [by] repaying evil with evil or insult with insult. **Means of 3:8/Negative to 9b**

9b On the contrary, repay evil with blessing, **Positive to 9a**

9c because to this you were called **Reason for 9b**

9d so that you may inherit a blessing. **Purpose of 9c**

10a For, "Whoever would love life **Poetry: Synonymous parallelism**
10b and see good days

10c must keep their tongue from evil **Synonymous**
10d and their lips from deceitful speech.

11a They must turn from evil and do good; **Synonymous**
11b they must seek peace and pursue it.

12a. For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous **Synonymous**
12b and his ears are attentive to their prayer,
12c. but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil." **Antithetical (to 12a/b)**

13a Who will harm you, **Explanation**

13b if you are eager for good? **Conditional**

14a But even if you might suffer for your righteous behavior, **Contrast to 13**
Concessive to 14b

14b you are blessed.

14c "Do not fear their threats **Implication of 14a/b**

14d and do not be frightened." **Additional Idea to 14c**

15a But in your hearts set apart Christ as Lord, **Positive of 14c/d**

15b always being ready with an answer to everyone who asks you about the reason for your shared hope, **Result of 15a**

15c yet do this with gentleness and respect, **Concessive to 15b**

16a keeping your conscience clear, **Result of 15b/d**

16b so that those who speak maliciously about your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame. **Result of 16a**