

A Study of the
book of

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1. Living at peace with others

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Romans 12:17 Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Be careful to do what is right in the eyes of everyone. 18 If it is possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. 19 Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God's wrath, for it is written: "It is mine to avenge; I will repay," says the Lord.

2 Timothy 2: 3 Join with me in suffering, like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. 4 No one serving as a soldier gets entangled in civilian affairs, but rather tries to please his commanding officer.

2. Living and speaking with consistency and integrity

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3. Faithful prayer and expectation for the Lord to do His work in others

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4. Set your heart on the coming of the Lord

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1 Peter 1:13 Therefore, with minds that are alert and fully sober, set your hope fully on the grace to be brought to you when Jesus Christ is revealed at his coming.

1 John 3

2 Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. 3 All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

5. Patience when suffering for Christ

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10 As an example of suffering and patience, brothers, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord.

Matthew 5:11 "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. 12 Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

2 Corinthians 2:15 For we are to God the pleasing aroma of Christ among those who are being saved and those who are perishing. 16 To the one we are an aroma that brings death; to the other, an aroma that brings life.

6. Present hardships mean future blessings

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1 Peter 2

19 For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

7. God has shown greater patience to me than I ever will to anyone

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Job 13:15 Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him;
Isaiah 53:10 Yet it was the Lord's will to crush him and
cause him to suffer

4 Surely he took up our pain and bore our suffering,
yet we considered him punished by God, stricken by
him, and afflicted.

5 But he was pierced for our transgressions, he was
crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that
brought us peace was on him, and by his wounds we
are healed.

6 We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has
turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.

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