“HE WHO WOULD LOVE LIFE...”

I Peter 3:10-12

Introduction:
1. Commercials promise glamour and success through their products
2. People seek the good life through: Money, power, or pleasure.
3. None of these things truly delivers what it promises.

-- In this lesson we will discuss a three-fold formula for living the good life --

I. REFRAIN THE TONGUE
A. ABSTAIN FROM EVIL SPEECH
   1. When living before the world - 2:18-23
   2. When living before our spouse - 3:1
   3. When living before our brethren in the Lord - 3:8-9

B. ABSTAIN FROM DECEITFUL SPEECH
   1. In compliance with the example of Christ - 2:22, Jn 8:31-32, 14:6
   2. Christians should be the most trusted people on earth
      a. When we do business - doctor, mechanic, etc
      b. When we teach - Ep 4:15

II. TURN FROM EVIL AND DO GOOD
A. BECAUSE GOD CALLED US TO BE HOLY - I Pe 1:13-16
   1. He is holy - Le 11:44, 45; I Jn 1:5
   2. We no longer conform to the former lust - I Pe 1:14

B. BECAUSE GOD CALLED US TO A PURPOSE - I Pe 2:9, 10
   1. To proclaim His praises:
   2. To turn enemies from speaking evil to praising God - vs. 12

III. SEEK PEACE AND PURSUE IT
A. LIVE IN PEACE WITH OUR BRETHREN
   1. By forgiving one another - Co 3:13
   2. By putting on love - the bond of perfection Co 3:14

B. LIVE IN PEACE WITH THE WORLD
   1. “...as much as depends on you...” - Ro 12:18
   2. Give place to wrath - Do not avenge yourselves.

Conclusion:
1. These three points are characteristics of the righteous.
2. READ: 1 Peter 3:12
   a. Eyes of the Lord are on the righteous
   b. His ears are open to their prayers
3. The face of the Lord is against those who do evil.