

# FINALLY, YOUR CALLING

## I PETER 3:8-14

BACKGROUND: “The word *finally* means ‘to sum it all up’”. Warren W. Wiersbe, The Bible Exposition Commentary, New Testament, Volume II, p. 411

**WORK AT UNITY.** Unity begins with love and works itself out in humility. (I Peter 3:8, fn 3:8-9, fn 3:8, Romans 15:5-7, fn 15:5-7, II Timothy 2:23-26, fn 2:23-26, Philippians 2:1-4, fn 2:3, John 17:20-23, fn 17:21-23[1<sup>st</sup>], Ephesians 4:15, fn 4:15) *How can the Team Discipleship “Leadertips” help you to work at unity in small groups?*

**KEEP BLESSING.** “Evil is from *kakos*, which denotes the inherent quality of badness, not just bad words or actions.” John MacArthur, The MacArthur New Testament Commentary: I Peter p. 189. The term translated  **blessing**  is the word from which the English word *eulogy* derives. It means to praise or speak well of others”. MacArthur, p.190. Some of the ways a believer can bless others is by loving them unconditionally, praying for their salvation or sanctification, expressing gratitude for them, and forgiving those who persecute them. MacArthur, p. 90. (I Peter 3:9, fn 3:9, Matthew 5:38-44, fn 5:43-44, Revelation 5:10, fn 5:10, John 13:34-35, fn 13:34, Matthew 18:21-22, fn 18:22) *As a priest (I Peter 2:5 and I Peter 2:9), who have you blessed lately and why?*

**KEEP DOING GOOD** and “make Jesus look good” even when you are persecuted. “In fact, some people are so twisted that they will persecute a person just because he or she is righteous, for that righteousness infuriates them.” Peter H. Davids, The New International Commentary on the New Testament: The First Epistle of Peter p. 130. (I Peter 3:10-14, fn 3:11, Matthew 5:9-12, fn 5:11-12, Matthew 10:29-31, fn 10:29-31, I John 4:4, fn 4:4, Romans 8:28, fn 8:28) *Why is doing good to unjust people your calling and how will you demonstrate that?*

*Are you taking time to experience the presence of the Holy Spirit with the Living Word teaching you and giving you His joy, His love, and His peace?*

