More Motivations for Getting Along With Others in 1 Peter 3:12

As a continuation of his presentation of what should motivate us to learn to get along with others (cf. 1 Peter 3:9-10), the apostle Peter now encourages us in 1 Peter 3:12 to picture the Lord Jesus Christ with His loving eyes watching, His attentive ears listening, and even His angry face turning away from any of us who mistreat our fellow man. It truly calls us to die to self, to live for Him, and to treat others as more important than ourselves.

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Our Text:

1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, and His ears attend to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Review of Motivations #1 and #2 (1 Peter 9-10)

Now Peter continues...

Motivation #3. God's loving eyes are watching us.

1 Peter 3:12 "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous..."

Motivation #4. God's attentive ears are listening to us.

1 Peter 3:12 "...His ears attend to their prayer..." cf. Ps. 34:15; Ps. 102:1

Motivation #5. God's angry face is set against those who do evil.

1 Peter 3:12 "...but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

Concluding Challenge:

Regarding dying to self...