

PATTERN NUMBER SIX
WHEN ONE PLUS ONE EQUALS ONE 3:1-7

KEY VERSES: 3:1,7 In like manner, wives be putting yourselves in subjection to your own husbands, in order that even though certain ones are disbelieving the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives. Husbands, in like manner, be living with your wives according to knowledge, showing honor with the woman as the weaker vessel (sex) as to those who are also joint heirs of the grace of life in order that your prayers may not be hindered.

MEMORY VERSE: 3:4

TEXT: 3:1-7

In like manner, wives be putting y that even though certain ones are by the behavior of their wives, H fear. Let your adornment not be t of gold ornaments or putting on cl the imperishable quality of a gentl For thus formerly also the holy wor putting themselves in subjection to calling him lord whose children yo terror. Husbands, in like manner, showing honor unto the woman as t heirs of the grace of life in order t

EXPOSITION: The sixth pattern

Ray Stedman points out in one of h

ago I clipped out of the Saturday Evening Post a humorous article that traces the tendency which occurs in marriage to drift from a height of bliss to the hum-drum of routine attitudes, called "The Seven Ages of the Marriage Cold". It reveals the reaction of a husband to his wife's colds during seven years of marriage. This is the first year: 'Sugar Dumpling, I'm worried about my baby girl. You got a bad sniffle and there's no telling about these things with all this strep around. I'm putting you in the hospital this afternoon for a general check-up and a good rest. I know the food's lousy but I'll bring your meals in from Rossini's. I've already got it arranged with the floor superintendent.' Second year: 'Listen darling, I don't like the sound of that cough. I've called Doc Miller to rush over hear. Now you go to bed like a good girl, please, just for pappu.' Third year: 'Maybe you'd better lie down, honey, nothing like a little rest when you feel punk. I'll bring you something to eat. Have we got any soup?' Fourth year: 'Look dear, be sensible. After you feed the kids and get the dishes washed, you'd better hit the sack.' Fifth year: 'Why don't you get yourself a couple of aspirin?' Sixth year: 'If you would just gargle or something instead of sitting around barking like a seal.' Seventh year: 'For pete sakes, stop sneezing. What are you trying to do, give me pneumonia?'

— **Dennison**, in his book, Shock It To Me, Doctor says, "An employment agency manager questioned an applicant, 'There's a job open in Florida, but can you pick lemons?' Quickly the applicant responded, 'Boy, can I! I've been married five times.' One day in my consultation room a husband remarked, 'Isn't it odd how the biggest idiots always marry the prettiest women?' His wife answered, 'Now you're trying to flatter me.' A Short time ago a neighbor

Every Marriage
has Three Rings
① Engagement Ring
② wedding Ring
③ Suffer - Ring

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it of marriage.

Patterns & Practice From Peter's Playbook

- (#1) Don't Get Shook, God has the controls
- (#2) Get Tough + Start Growing
- (#3) You Are Part OF the Establishment
- (#4) Submit To Authority
- (#5) Follow the Coach
- (#6) When one Plus one Equals one
- (#7) Life can be beautiful

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Victory

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And here I was, along with these tribesmen, with no coherent plan. My leg was killing me, I could hardly put it to the ground, and the two guys carrying me were bearing the whole of my weight. We came to a little flight of rough rock steps cut into the gradient. They got behind pushing me up with their shoulders.

I made the top step first, and as I did so, I came face to face with an armed Afghani fighter I had not seen before. He carried an AK-47, held in the ready-to-fire position, and when he saw me, he raised it. I looked at his hat, and there was a badge containing the words which almost stopped my heart—BUSH FOR PRESIDENT!

He was Afghan special forces, and I was seized by panic because I was dressed in the clothes of an Afghan tribesman, identical to those of the Taliban. But right behind him, bursting through the undergrowth, came two U.S. Army Rangers in combat uniform, rifles raised, the leader a big black guy. Behind me, with unbelievable presence of mind, Gulab was roaring out my BUD/S class numbers he'd see on my Trident voodoo tattoo: "Two-two-eight? It's Two-two-eight!"

The Ranger's face suddenly lit up with a gigantic smile. He took one look at my six-foot-five-inch frame and snapped, "American?" I just had time to nod before he let out a yell that ripped across the mountainside—"It's Marcus, guys! We got him—we got him!"

pp. 348-9

4 Seals
in AFGANISTAN

3 Dead + Marcus
Luttrell lived to tell
the story

Victory

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HE MAKETH NO MISTAKE

My Father's way may twist and turn,
My heart may throb and ache,
But in my soul I'm glad I know,
He maketh no mistake,

My cherished plans may go astray,
My hopes may fade away.
But still I'll trust my Lord to lead
For He doth know the way.

Tho' night be dark and it may seem
That day will never break
I'll pin my faith, my all in Him,
He maketh no mistake.

There's so much now I cannot see,
My eyesight's far too dim;
But come what may, I'll simply trust
And leave it all to Him.

For by and by the mist will lift
And plain it all He'll make.
Through all the way, tho' dark to me,
He made not one mistake.

A. M. Overton

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| Authority | 032-02 | <p>More seriously, when political correctness contradicts that which is biblically correct, by and large the relativistic American will reject that which is biblical. It is <i>correct</i> to be tolerant. The Bible disagrees if we are talking about sin. It is <i>correct</i> to reject absolutes. The Bible disagrees. It is <i>correct</i> to affirm our right to alternate sex preferences. The Bible says this is not correct.</p> <p>It's not surprising, since Christians have refused to shift and chosen rather to fight the drift, that we are often maligned and marginalized in secular America.</p> <p>p. 27</p> |
| Authority | 032-03 | <p>Christianity at best has become undervalued. We have been forced into a subculture that runs counter to the prevailing paganism of our day. As we have noted, during the last forty years we have finally made up our mind in America that we really don't want God telling us what to do, what not to do, what is right, or what is wrong. In fact, as we have decided to do the things we want to do, those of us who have tried to put the brakes on have been viewed as impediments to social progress. What Francis Schaeffer predicted has come true. There is now a backlash against Christians and Christianity because we are perceived to be against those things that are "good for us," that make us a more progressive, enlightened community of people. As a result, Christians are ridiculed in sitcoms and the movies and are discounted in terms of what we say, what we believe, and what is important to us.</p> <p>pp. 27-28</p> |

PATTERN NUMBER SEVEN
LIFE CAN BE BEAUTIFUL 3:8-12

* KEY VERSE: 3:10 For he who is desiring to love life and to see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit

MEMORY VERSE: 3:12

TEXT: 3:8-12

Finally all of you be united in spirit, sympathetic, loving the brethren, tender hearted, humble minded, not giving back evil for evil or verbal abuse for verbal abuse, but on the other hand be blessing because to this you have been called in order that you might inherit a blessing. For he who is desiring to love life and to see good days let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit. But let him turn away from evil and let him do good, let him seek peace and pursue it because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and his ears are open unto their petitions. But the face of the Lord is against those who are practicing evil.

EXPOSITION: Dennison, in his book Shock it to Me Doctor says that Dr. Carl Jung, eminent psychiatrist, was asked to succinctly diagnose the great spiritual illness of our contemporary society. His reply "The central neurosis of our age is emptiness". Victor Frankl was asked the same question and he answered "meaninglessness". Rollo May, New York psychotherapist declared it to be loneliness. A bad joke was Voltaire's verdict on life. "Bring down the curtain" said a dying actor, "the farce is done". This Godless, unhappy, empty, materialistic civilization certainly must be responsible for that famous line in Green Pastures when angel Gabriel says to de Lawd "Everything nailed down is coming lose."

Life designed by God was certainly not to be lived the way the majority are living it today.

Francis Schaeffer in his book Death in the City, points this up when he says "the Song of Solomon beautifully depicts the need for a personal comforter." This magnificent love song in the midst of the Bible puts emphasis upon the fact that God has made us man and woman and because of this there is a place for a love song in the scriptures. In the Song of Solomon, we find that the girl has gone to her room for the night. She has anointed herself with perfumes and has retired. Then there's a knock at the door. Her lover has come and he wants her to be with him, but she hesitates and remains inside. She's gone to bed and doesn't want to get up, after all she has washed and her hands are anointed. Then suddenly he leaves and as soon as she realizes this, she sees that all the perfume is absolutely worthless once the lover has gone. This is exactly the way it is with man. Struggling with the trappings of personality, man finds that if there is no one there to be a real and sufficient lover, if there is no infinite personal God then his wrestling with the trappings of personality is futile.

Peter tells us in Pattern Number Seven that life can be beautiful, even if it is temporary. Life is short, death is sure, sin is the cause, Christ is the cure.

Peter in this section is going to give us eleven ways to make life beautiful.

It is beautiful only as I am submissive!

Verse Eight: Finally, all of you be united in spirit, sympathetic, loving the brethren, tender hearted, humble-minded.

1. Peter now in the admonition that he's going to give in this section will not be limiting it to any particular group, but it will be a universal admonition; all of you.
2. The first ingredient of a beautiful life is seen in the words be united in spirit.
3. This in essence is the prayer of the Lord Jesus in John 17. "That they may be one even as we are one."
4. F. B. Myer says "let us think more often of the things in which we agree, than in those things in which we differ". All are loved with the same love, bought by the same blood, born of the same spirit, members of the same body, anamated by the same life, subject to the same hopes and fears, afflictions, and vicissitudes, drawing our daily sustenance from the same supplies, destined for the same home. How many and close are the bonds of our relationship. Surely it becomes us to have great compassion one toward another, correcting eachother if need be privately or before the church, with no desire for self-exaltation but with eager loyalty for the glory of God putting the best construction on points of difference viewing everything in the light of the Masters glory and trying to be more animated by that loving, tender, compassionate spirit which enabled Him to bear so long with the misunderstanding, strife and stupidity of the men whom He had chosen to form the inner circle of His earthly life.
5. Psalm 133:1 - Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity.
6. Ephesians 4 - As God's prisoner I beg you to live lives worthy of your high calling. Accept life with humility and patience making allowances for eachother because you love eachother. Make it your aim to be at one in the Spirit and you will inevitably be at peace with one another, that the whole body might be built up until the time comes when in the unity of common faith and common knowledge of the Son of God we arrive at real maturity; that measure of development which is met by the fullness of Christ.
7. Ross tries to illustrate what Peter means by this admonition when he says "an old violin makes sweeter music than a new one, and there is a reason for that. A violin is made of a large number of pieces of wood. When they are put together they are as it were strangers to one another. They are naturally stiff in their new found relationships. As stiff as new acquaintances in human life. They do not thrill rightly to one another, nor vibrate in perfect unity. That is a question of time and as years and decades roll on and the idiosyncrasies of the separate pieces of wood get shaken out of them and they get more accustomed to their common life in the frame of the violin the harshnesses began to fade away. The vibrations come into mutual sympathy and the instrument gives at last its best".
8. The second ingredient of a beautiful life is seen in the word sympathetic. It is that quality or characteristic in life whereby we are able to feel with others in their suffering. It was Francis of Assisi who prayed "Lord grant that I may seek more to understand than to be understood."

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"To Suffer
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- 9. The third ingredient of the beautiful life is seen in the words, loving the brethren. Peter has had a good deal to say about love in this epistle to this point. Back in chapter one and verse eight we are those who are loving Jesus Christ whom we have not seen and then in chapter one, verse twenty-two we are commanded to be loving the brethren with a genuine, unhypocritical love and to be loving from the heart earnestly. We are commanded in chapter two and verse seventeen to be loving the brotherhood and now once again in chapter three to re-emphasize the importance of this truth. One of the ingredients of a beautiful life is loving the brethren.

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- 10. Jesus, in John 13:34,35 says "A new comandment I give unto you that you love one another as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this shall all men know that you are my disciples if you have love, one for another."

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To Feel it
in The Gut

Good
Sam
He Had
Compassion

- 11. The fourth ingredient of the beautiful life is seen in the phrase tender hearted", or it could be translated to feel compassion. We have become so hard of heart and selfish in our day it's difficult to experience pity and sensitiveness toward the needs of others. abortion + health foods.

- 12. Barclay points out "pity is of the very essence of God, compassion is of the very being of Jesus Christ, pity so great that God sent His only Son to die for men, a compassion so intense that it took Christ to the Cross."

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- 13. The fifth ingredient of the beautiful life is seen in the words, humble minded.

- 14. Peter is going to have more to say on this subject of humility in the fifth chapter. It is only as we are humbled before God that we are in a position to receive the blessings of the beautiful life which He has designed for us.

- 15. On one occassion Samuel Brangle was introduced as the great Dr. Brangle. In his diary he wrote "if I appear great in their eyes, the Lord is most graciously helping me to see how absolutely nothing I am without Him and helping me to keep little in my own eyes. He does use me, but I am so concerned that He uses me that it is not of me the work is done. The ax cannot boast of the trees it has cut down. It could do nothing but for the woodsman. He made it, he sharpened it, he used it. The moment he throws it aside it becomes only cold iron. Oh, that I may never lose sight of this."

- 16. What a beautiful verse this eighth verse has been to study. The five ingredients that we have noted thusfar can only be explained in terms of the work of the Spirit: Unity, sympathy, love, compassion, and humility do not come natural to man, whereas division, selfishness, hatred, hard-heartedness and pride are the fruits of the flesh. May God grant that we might be those controlled by the Spirit expressing unity, sympathy, love, compassion and humility as we live our lives as members of the body of Christ.

Verse Nine: Not giving back evil for evil or verbal abuse for verbal abuse but on the other hand be blessing because to this you have been called in order that you might inherit a blessing.

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1. Ingredient number six in a beautiful life is seen in the statement, not giving back evil for evil. *How quick we are to retaliate!*
 2. Paul in Romans 12:17 says "never pay back evil for evil. Do things in such a way that everyone can see you are honest clear through". *Conflict comes when our rights are being stepped on. When we start using people.*
 3. This is the same quality that we see displayed in Christ in chapter two, verse twenty-three. When He was being reviled He was not reviling in return and who while suffering was not threatened, but committed Himself to the One who is judging righteously.
 4. The seventh ingredient of a beautiful life is "not giving back verbal abuse for verbal abuse." *retaliation; assumption; "judge someone on the basis of what you hear from another."*
 5. James points up the fact in chapter three verse two that we commit many sins. If anyone does not stumble in words, this one is a fully developed man able to hold in check also his entire body.
 6. He also says in chapter one verses 19, 26: You know this my beloved brethren be quick to hear, slow to speak, slow to anger. If any man is thinking himself to be religious not holding in check his tongue but is deceiving his own heart, his religion is worthless.
 7. Don Gilmore in his book The Freedom to Fail points out the depth of a persons freedom is revealed in and through his ability to hold his silence and use it discerningly. The most famous Christian I know is a man who remains silent on any subject that might lead to self-congratulations. Whenever conversation reaches the point where he might need to comment on his latest writing, honors, speechmaking, experiences with other important people, he grows strangely silent or attempts to change the subject. There is a great power and freedom in him because there is much that runs deep in his soul unarticulated and secret. How free and Christlike is the man with such a silent secret ministry.
 8. I shouted aloud and louder while out on the plain one day the sound grew faint and fainter until it had died away. My words had gone forever, They left no trace or track, but the hills nearby caught up the cry and sent an echo back. I spoke a word in anger to one who was my friend. Like a knife it cut him deeply, a wound that was hard to mend. That word so thoughtlessly uttered, I would we could both forget, but its echo lives and memory gives the recollection yet. How many hearts are broken, how many friends are lost by some unkind word spoken before we count the cost, but a word or deed of kindness will repay a hundredfold. For its echos again in the hearts of men and carries a joy untold.
 9. In verse nine, but, forms the contrast, whereas the negative has been spoken in not giving back evil for evil or verbal abuse for verbal abuse. On the other hand, the eighth ingredient is be blessing because to this you have been called in order that you might inherit a blessing. Peter points up the fact that in the midst of evil being done against us and verbal abuse being thrown at us, we are those who are to be blessing in the face of such opposition. The reason given for our conduct
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Peter
hacked
off 4 guys
ear in garden

in this matter is because to this you have been called. Once again we run into this little word "called", chapter 1, verse 15, we have been called to be holy and in chapter 2, verse 9, we have been called out of darkness into his marvelous light, and in chapter 2, verse 21, we have been called to suffer because Christ also suffered for us leaving us a model in order that we might follow in his footprints, and now here in verse 9 of chapter 3, we are called to be blessing in the face of evil and verbal abuse. *Xian used Car salesman*

React to Response in Godly manner

- 10. The purpose given is, in order that you might inherit a blessing.
- 11. This teaching goes along with what the Lord Jesus had to say in the Sermon on the Mount in chapter 5 of Matthew. Happy are those who have suffered persecution for the cause of goodness for the kingdom of heaven is theirs and what happiness will be yours when people blame you and ill treat you and say all kinds of slanderous things against you for my sake. Be glad then, yes, be tremendously glad for your reward in heaven is magnificent. They persecuted the prophets before your time in exactly the same way.

Verse Ten: For he who is desiring to love life and to see good days let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.

- 1. This is the key verse in Pattern Number Seven, Life can be beautiful.
- 2. Peter here gives the reason for the previous admonitions. He who is desiring to love life and to see good days will do the things preceding and also these admonitions which are to follow. We have pictured in this section really the life of Jesus Christ, and as we allow the Savior to come into our lives and to live his life through us, then life will truly be beautiful.
- 3. The ninth ingredient is given here of the beautiful life. Let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit.
- 4. Ephesians 4:25 -- Finish then with lying and tell your neighbor the truth. For we are not separate units but intimately related to each other in Christ. 4:29--Let there be no more foul language but good words instead, words suitable for the occasion which God can use to help other people. *Society teaches us to be phony, don't express your true feelings, don't want like you*
- 5. This ingredient is a quotation from Psalm 34:13 --Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking deceit.

Verse Eleven: But let him turn away from evil and let him do good, let him seek peace, and pursue it.

- 1. The tenth ingredient of a beautiful life is let him turn away from evil and let him do good. *No compromise.*
- 2. I Timothy 6:11,12 -- but thou of man of God, flee these things and follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness. Fight the good fight of faith, lay hold on eternal life whereunto thou art also called and has professed a good profession before many witnesses.
- 3. The eleventh ingredient of a beautiful life is seen in the last statement of verse eleven... let him seek peace and pursue it.
- 4. John 14:27--Peace I leave with you my peace I give unto you. Not as the world giveth give I unto you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let it be afraid.

Peace upward, inward + outward

5. Dennison in his book Shock it to me Doctor says "As long as our individual morals remain at a low ebb, so will be the world until each of us stops hogging the road with his car, stops fighting over the seat on the bus, stops arguing over who's going to cut the grass, there will be no peace in the world. If man wishes peace again he must return to the great commandment love thy neighbor as thyself."
6. These eleven ingredients then make for a beautiful life and form Pattern Number Seven, Life Can be Beautiful, in the Patterns to Practice from Peter's Playbook.

Verse Twelve: Because the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their petitions. But the face of the Lord is against those who are practicing evil.

1. Here's the reason for all the previous admonitions. The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their petitions.
- ① 2. First of all we learn the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous.
3. II Chronicles 16:9--For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth to show himself strong in the behalf of them whose heart is perfect toward him.
- ② 4. And His ears are open unto their petitions. John 16:24--Hitherto have you asked nothing in my name. Ask and you shall receive that your joy may be full.
5. Jeremiah 33:3 -- Call unto me and I will answer thee and show thee great and mighty things which thou knowest not.
- 6. We learned in this passage that it is possible for our prayers to be hindered back in verse seven. Here we have the promise that the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous and His ears are open unto their petitions.
7. Once again we have the contrast in the middle of the passage but the face of the Lord is against those who are practicing evil.
8. Whereas the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous to protect them and His ears are open unto their prayers. His face is against those who are practicing evil. Ps. 1:6

Conclusion: Tournier in his book Are You Nobody? says "while lecturing at Melbourne University some years ago I was given a boomerang as a souvenir. In contemplating this gift I concluded that in a sense it symbolized human existence. One generally assumes that a boomerang returns to the thrower. Actually, it returns only when the thrower has missed his target. Similarly man returns to himself, to being concerned with himself only after he has missed his mission, only after he has failed to find meaning in life".

God has designed life to be beautiful and there are eleven ingredients in this little section of Peter's Epistle. When we consider them together they are a personification of the person of Jesus Christ. The more we allow the Spirit of God to conform us to His image, the more we will see these ingredients becoming a part of our lives too.

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| Salvation | 718-14 | <p>During the writing of this chapter, another picture of God's mercy came my way. The bank sent me an overdraft notice on the checking account of one of my daughters. I encourage my college-age girls to monitor their accounts. Even so, they sometimes overspend.</p> <p>What should I do? Let the bank absorb it? They won't. Send her an angry letter? Admonition might help her later, but it won't satisfy the bank. Phone and tell her to make a deposit? Might as well tell a fish to fly. I know her liquidity. Zero.</p> <p>Transfer the money from my account to hers? Seemed to be the best option. After all, I had \$25.37. I could replenish her account and pay the overdraft fee as well.</p> <p>Besides, that's my job. Don't get any ideas. If you're overdrawn, don't call me. My daughter can do something you can't do: she can call me Dad. And since she calls me Dad, I did what dads do. I covered my daughter's mistake.</p> <p>When I told her she was overdrawn, she said she was sorry. Still, she offered no deposit. She was broke. She had one option. "Dad, could you . . ." I interrupted her sentence. "Honey, I already have." I met her need before she knew she had one.</p> <p>Long before you knew you needed grace, your Father did the same. He made the deposit, an ample deposit. "Christ died for us while we were still sinners" (Rom. 5:8 NCV). Before you knew you needed a Savior, you had one. And when you ask him for mercy, he answers, "I've already given it, dear child. I've already given it."</p> <p>pp. 69-70</p> |

* ISA. 61:3 "To Bestow upon them
A Crown of Beauty instead of Ashes."
* Ecc. 3:11 "He has made every thing
Beautiful in its Time."

Something Beautiful

Study #7

- #1 Re-examine the 11 ways life can be made beautiful and let the Lord produce these qualities in your life.
- #2 Life is beautiful as I am submissive
- #3 The #1 priority is United in spirit Psalm 133:1 "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity"
- #4 Have you learned to feel deeply with others who are suffering.
- #5 Do you love your brothers & sisters with the Love of Christ? John 13:34,35
- #6 Are you allowing the Spirit of God to control your tongue from speaking evil and your lips from speaking deceit?
- #7 Are you victorious in turning away from evil and doing good?
- #8 Are you seeking peace & pursuing it?
- #9 Peace will be your portion when your surrender is complete.
- #10 Is it a comfort to you that the eyes of the Lord are upon you & His ears are listening to your requests?