

**Internal matters and public perceptions
(I Peter 3:8-12)**

The early church had some serious _____ problems

In today's text Peter sums up some _____ for the health and well-being of churches which he also hoped would improve the church's _____ .

The first known mention of Christians by a Roman writer didn't come until almost eighty years after _____ .

What was so threatening, so disturbing and distasteful about this tiny group of Christians?

_____, the governor of Bithynia/Pontus, was that first Roman to mention Christians.

The Christian movement suspect as another "club" that might stir up _____ .

"Like-mindedness"—Don't hear this as "think alike" but as "have the same _____ in mind."

"Sympathetic" and "compassion"—suggest the ability to walk in another's shoes; with care and kindness to take on _____ of sorrows someone else is bearing.

"Brotherly and sisterly love"—just like Jesus admonished at the _____ .

"Humility"—Keeping our eyes on Jesus as our standard will produce such.

Some distaste for Christianity was the result of _____ attitudes and Behaviors.

Attitudes _____ to the spirit of the gospel made the Christian witness harder.

Make it your goal to be a _____ !