An Inheritance
Don't Be a Stranger
1 Peter 3:8-22
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Peter reminds us how we are to relate to each other in our life together as Christians, as well as with others who have not yet experienced the hope that we have.

Don't Be A Stranger Among The Body Of Christ - 1 Peter 3:8-9

What Real Community Looks Like:
- We have a like-minded unity.
- We are sympathetic.
- We treat each other like family.
- We are compassionate & humble.
- We bless rather than retaliate.

Do You Have A Community Like That?
- Are you living life on your own, or are there others in the body of Christ that really know you? That are involved in your life like family?
- Are you living life in relationship with others, or is a busy, crazy lifestyle too often calling all the shots in your life?

Don't Be A Stranger With Those Not Yet Following Christ- 1 Peter 3:15-16
- Always be prepared to share what God has done in your life. (1 Peter 3:15)
- Share your story with genuineness and respect. (1 Peter 3:15)
- Live a life of integrity. (1 Peter 3:16)

Whether We Are Around Believers or Non-believers, Peter's Words Today Remind Us That We Should Not Live Like Strangers.
- We should live life humbly and genuinely with other believers, treating them like family.
- We should live life among nonbelievers with the same openness and humility, *always* ready to share what God has done in your life with gentleness and respect and a lifestyle to match, for actions *do* speak louder than words.
- You may *never know* in this life the impact that you have made in the lives of others.