



#3 Called to Submit

I Peter 2:11-25

v11 Beloved, I urge you **as sojourners and exiles** to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul.

Reason to Respond:

a. Who You **ARE**

v12 Keep your **conduct** among the Gentiles **honorable**, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, **they may see your good deeds and glorify God** on the day of visitation.

Reason to Respond:

b. Testify of the gospel so others will **BELIEVE**

v21 For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, **so that you might follow in his steps.** ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued **entrusting himself to him who judges justly.** ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we **might die to sin and live to righteousness.** ²⁵ By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

Jesus Gave Example, **Follow** In His Steps

a. **TRUST** God

b. **SACRIFICE**

“die to sin and live to righteousness”

v13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ **For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.** ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

This is the will of God:

DOING good will silence foolish opposers

Live as Servants of God:

As we have read, so much of sharing your faith is how you **LIVE**, not what you **SAY**!

v17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

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| 1. Honor everyone | 3. Fear God |
| 2. Love the Brotherhood | 4. Honor the emperor |

Our Challenge: