



SHOWING HONOR IN CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY

1 Peter 3:8-12

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Good morning Church! Jesus gave us a perfect example of submission when He submitted to the Father's will to point of death on the cross. Christians can "subject themselves" or "be subordinate under" in all kinds of relationships: social relationships such as civil leaders employers & marriage; ecclesial relationships such as church leaders & brothers or sisters; honoring the spiritual & political. We honor God as we obey God's command showing honor in each of these roles.

1 Peter 3:8-12

*"Finally, all of you, have unity of mind, sympathy, brotherly love, a tender heart, and a humble mind. **9** Do not repay evil for evil or reviling for reviling, but on the contrary, bless, for to this you were called, that you may obtain a blessing. **10** For "Whoever desires to love life and see good days, let him keep his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking deceit; **11** let him turn away from evil and do good; let him seek peace and pursue it. **12** For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are open to their prayer. But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."*

1. ALL Believers are Responsible to SUSTAIN COMMUNITY. (v 8)

- Spiritual GROWTH develops in COMMUNITY.

*"When you meet together, you are not really interested in the Lord's Supper. **21** For some of you hurry to eat your own meal without sharing with others. As a result, some go hungry while others get drunk. **22** What? Don't you have your own homes for eating and drinking? Or do you really want to disgrace God's church and shame the poor? What am I supposed to say? Do you want me to praise you? Well, I certainly will not praise you for this!" **1 Corinthians 11:20-22***

*"But as the believers rapidly multiplied, there were rumblings of discontent. The Greek-speaking believers complained about the Hebrew-speaking believers, saying that their widows were being discriminated against in the daily distribution of food. **2** So the Twelve called a meeting of all the believers. They said, "We apostles should spend our time teaching the word of God, not running a food program. **3** And so, brothers, select seven men who are well respected and are full of the Spirit and wisdom. We will give them this responsibility. **Acts 6:1-3***

- We are to be HUMBLE and UNITED in Spirit.

2. Christians are Called to Return BLESSING in Response to EVIL. (v 9)

- We are BLESSED to be a BLESSING.
- BLESSING may take the form of a PRAYER.

*“Brothers and sisters, we urge you to warn those who are lazy. Encourage those who are timid. Take tender care of those who are weak. Be patient with everyone. **15** See that no one pays back evil for evil, but always try to do good to each other and to all people. **16** Always be joyful. **17** Never stop praying. **18** Be thankful in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you who belong to Christ Jesus.” **1 Thessalonians 5:14-18***

3. The Lord is Against CHRISTIANS Who Do EVIL. (v 10-12)

A Fulfilled life includes:

- A humble, loving ATTITUDE toward everyone. (v 8)
- A forgiving RESPONSE toward revilers. (v 9)
- Having pure and honest SPEECH (v 10)
- A HATRED for Sin and PURSUIT for Peace. (v 11)
- A right MOTIVE that pleases the Lord. (v 12)

Salvation through Jesus Christ

*The single most important decision a person could ever make in their lifetime is to receive Jesus Christ as your Savior and Lord. The Bible says, "all have sinned and fall short of God's glory" and we don't deserve eternal life because the wages of sin is death". Yet through God's love, only "Christ gives us eternal life by grace through faith"... it is a gift of God. God's word says, That if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is LORD and believe in your heart God raised Him from the dead YOU WILL BE SAVED. **The Bible says to REPENT of your sins. BELIEVE in Jesus receiving His forgiveness.** Then, identify with Christ and start living a new life in obedience to God by being BAPTIZED.*