





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

1 Peter 2:11-12

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When is civil disobedience appropriate?

1. Submit, as unto the Lord, to every authority.

2. We must not submit to any authority that asks us to rebel against God.

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For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

1 Peter 2:15

"Teacher, we know that you are true and do not care about anyone's opinion. For you are not swayed by appearances, but truly teach the way of God. Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not? Should we pay them, or should we not?" But, knowing their hypocrisy, he said to them, "Why put me to the test? Bring me a denarius and let me look at it." And they brought one. And he said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" They said to him, "Caesar's." Jesus said to them, "Render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." And they marveled at him.



Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

1 Peter 2:16



Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. 1 Peter 2:17



First place: Fear God

Second place: Love the Church

Third place: Honor all people, including the emperor.

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. 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.

1 Peter 2:18-20



The bar is set high

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.

1 Peter 2:21



Called to suffer unjustly...

A sojourner "gut check"



"If you have been worn out running with men, how will you keep up with horses?" Jeremiah 12:5

He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. 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. 1 Peter 2:22-23

He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. 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. 1 Peter 2:24-25