



Part 3: Be Good

1 Peter 2

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.

¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. ²² "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed."

²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

TODAY'S TRUTH

If we want to make a difference we must BE good people and be undeniably good TO people.

Group Guide

Introduction

There was a time in history when Christians were known for being the force for good in the world. However, in today's world we have lost that kind of influence. Christians are now known for many things, but being good to people is sadly no longer one of those things.

Discuss

Why do you think Christians have been losing their influence recently? What kind of influence should we strive for in our culture?

Read 1 Peter 2:11-12

What "sinful desires" do most Christians struggle with?

What does verse 12 say about the source of our influence?

Read 1 Peter 2:13-17

Verses 13-14 says we are to submit to all authority. How can we do that?

What do verses 15-17 say about how to do good to others?

Read 1 Peter 2:21-23

What is this passage teaching us about how we should respond to a culture that may disagree with us or even persecute us?

What kind of example did Jesus give us to follow?

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