

BEING A CHANNEL OF BLESSING!

I Peter 2:12 - 3:12

The word translated “submit/be submissive” has several shades of meaning:

- 1) To live under the _____ (“order”/ “structure”)
- 2) To subject one’s self, obey
- 3) To yield to one’s admonition or advice
- 4) It was used in the Greek military to mean “to arrange [troop divisions] in a military fashion under the command of a leader”.
- 5) In non-military use, it was “a _____ attitude of giving in, cooperating, assuming responsibility, and carrying a burden”.

Biblical submission is not slavery or subjugation. It is NOT “lording it over” someone. It is NOT allowing yourself to be abused. It is the recognition of God’s _____ in our lives.

For further help, look at Peter’s summation: “finally” – 3:8-10

1. Be like-minded - the word means “harmonious”. United in _____
2. Be sympathetic - Rom. 12:15 – rejoice with the rejoicing ones, weep with the weeping ones.
3. Love one another - brotherly love and affection
4. Be compassionate (KJV tenderhearted; NASV, " _____ hearted")
5. Be humble - to be " _____ of mind, be kind"

v. 9 – the overarching principle: _____

For additional motivation: v. 10-12

1. v. 10 - that we might "love life and see good days"...
2. v. 12 - so the Lord will be open to us

We are to be a _____ while we are here on earth! What does it look like to be a blessing in our relationships in these chaotic days?

I. BLESS OUR GOVERNMENT - v. 13-17

Starting in 2:18, Peter gives what some have called a “household code.”

To properly apply the Scriptures to our lives, we need to first learn what they meant to the _____ readers. How did they interpret them? Then how can we apply those principles to us today. Start with the _____ readers, not us!!

II. BLESS OUR _____ - v. 18-25

I Peter 2:16 - we are slaves to God – and the word he uses was the general word for “slave.”

In v. 18, Peter uses the word for “household slave”, so it is appropriate to apply the principle to our _____.

Eph. 5:7 - work for our employers as if we were working for Christ Himself!

III. BLESS OUR _____ - 3:1-7

3:1 – “In the same way” He’s referencing v. 13 - “for the Lord’s sake”; v. 18 - “in reverent fear of God”

A. He is acknowledging their freedom to leave their former way of life and become followers of _____.

Wives, live in such a way that your _____ will draw your husband to Christ.

B. Husbands, “in the same way” – based on your reverence and submission to God. This is the basis for how we interact with each other.

“value her as precious”. so that your _____ won’t be hindered!

“treat (her) with respect” – KJV – “giving honor” – by your words and your actions bring honor to them.

“weaker partner” – possibly physically, or in their _____

Peter is telling husbands to honor their wives in word and deed, because we are _____ before God! “v. 7 – “heirs with you of the gracious gift of life.”

God’s order has _____ to do with value or worth. It has to do with order and structure.

