

Lesson 3 – First Peter 2:11-3:12 – “Honorable Living”

I Live HONORABLY – VV 2:11 - 12.

Verse 11.

The world, the flesh, and the devil are at war with us, so God calls us to **RESIST** the lusts we used automatically to give into and that constantly bear down on us. (CF: I John 2:15-17 and James 4:1-2)

Verse 12.

“Conduct” refers to your “**MANNER OF LIFE.**” “Good” behavior produces “Good” works.

II Submission as CITIZENS – VV 2:13 – 17.

Verses 13-15. We submit to human government—not to escape punishment due for disobedience—but for the “*Lord’s sake.*” (CF: Romans 13:1-7.)

Genesis 9:6, “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed. For in the image of God He made man.” The role of Human Government is to **PUNISH** the wrong and **UPHOLD** the right.

Note: There’s a *caveat* to always obeying the government. (CF: Acts 4:18-20)

Verses 16-17.

Do not use your liberty as a “**VEIL for vice.**” God requires our submission as citizens of our world.

III Submission as SERVANTS – VV 2:18 – 25.

We are to obey our earthly Boss because this shows **GRACE** under fire. Submit first to Jesus Christ—our Shepherd and our True Boss.

IV Submission in the FAMILY – VV 3:1 – 7.

Wives are to be submissive to their husbands who—whether a believer or not—is the God-ordained representative of *The Divine Shepherd and Overseer.*

Men, according to *godly knowledge*—treat your wife with respect and meet her needs. *Men, if you don’t show respect to your wives you are not submitting to God, so don’t bother praying.*

V Submission in the BODY – VV 3:8 – 12.

First, Verses 10-12. (FR: Psalm 34:12-16)

If you would love life, Then practice these standards:

- A. **Keep your tongue from evil.**
- B. **Do not repay evil for evil.**
- C. **Seek peace and pursue it.**

Second, Verses 8-9.

Verse 8 tells us *how to keep our tongue from evil:*

- A. Be in **HARMONY** with one another
- B. Be **SYMPATHETIC** to one another.
- C. Be **LOVING** to one another.
- D. Be **COMPASSIONATE** with one another.
- E. Be **HUMBLE!**

Verse 9 explains *how to turn away from evil and do good:*

- A. *Don’t return evil for evil.* **Don’t** exercise **PAY-BACK** for any evil you might suffer.
- B. *Seek peace and pursue it.* **SPEAK WELL** of all, even the hard to get along with.
- C. *We inherit a blessing.* **If** we exercise these Christian Standards, **Then** we inherit a blessing—God hears our prayers for we have drawn closer to God and better know His Will.

Summing Up: They’ll know we are Christians by our LOVE!