

1 Peter 2:11-3:12 Demonstrate Excellent Behavior

- Before Unbelievers v. 2:11-3:7 John 15:1-17
 - ❖ Abstain from worldly/fleshly lusts
 - Why? It wars against and destroys your soul
 - ❖ Live honorably before those that do not know Jesus Christ
 - Especially critics that call you evildoers
 - So that they may ultimately praise God at His visitation Isa. 10:3
 - Having SEEN your example
 - Good works, good life, GREAT GOD
 - YOU ARE ORDAINED AS GOD'S POSTER CHILDREN
 - ❖ How do I do that? Pro. 24:21; Jer. 29:4-14; Matt. 22:21
 - Submit to the ordinances of man v. 13-15
 - For the LORD's sake
 - Kings- yes
 - Governors- yes! Even governors!
 - Those in power are ordained by God
 - Equipped to punish evildoers
 - Equipped to praise those that do good
 - What's God's will on this subject?
 - Do well and silence the foolish!
 - Live like the free men and women that you are v. 16
 - But don't use your liberty as a license for sin/evil
 - But live as BONDSERVANTS to GOD
 - ❖ Honor, Love, Fear and Honor v. 17-20
 - Servants submit to your employers
 - Good or bad
 - What you do to honor God from conscience is commendable
 - Even to suffer wrongfully! Acts 6-7
 - Why?
 - As a child of God you were CALLED to suffer in this life just like Jesus who suffered for you v. 21
 - CHRIST IS OUR EXAMPLE v. 22-25
 - Wives v. 3:1-6
 - Submit to your unbelieving husband
 - That your conduct may win them to the living word
 - Don't just look pretty for them Isa. 3:16-24
 - Focus too on the gentle and quiet person of the heart
 - Then you can be like Sarah too
 - Abraham's partner in faith
 - Husbands v. 7
 - Honor your unbelieving wife
 - Live with understanding (compassion)
 - Treat her like a delicate vessel
 - Love her, protect her, attend her every need
 - As a fellow heir to the grace of life
 - Otherwise husbands your prayers will be hindered

- Before Believers v. 3:8-12 Romans 12-13
 - ❖ Be one minded and one hearted
 - ❖ Be compassionate (only the church eats our young)
 - ❖ Love as brothers and sisters
 - ❖ Be tenderhearted and humble minded
 - ❖ Don't return evil for evil
 - ❖ Don't revile in return
 - ❖ Bless others, in that, there is in it blessing for you
 - ❖ Refrain the tongue and lips from deceit
 - ❖ Turn from evil and do good
 - ❖ Seek peace and pursue it
 - God likes these behaviors and His eyes are on the righteous
 - God hates evil and will turn his face away from those that do evil