

FOLLOWING CHRIST

A STUDY IN 1 PETER

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Overcoming Evil with Good

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Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰For 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. ²¹For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²²He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³When 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. ²⁴He 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. ²⁵For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

The Exhortation: Submit to those in authority (1 Peter 2:13).

The Motivation: “This is a gracious thing in the sight of God.”

The Foundation: “Christ suffered for you.”

The Deeper Truth: Overcoming Evil with Good

Matthew 5: 38-42

“You have heard that it was said, ‘An eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth.’³⁹ But I say to you, Do not resist the one who is evil. But if anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to him the other also.⁴⁰ And if anyone would sue you and take your tunic, let him have your cloak as well.⁴¹ And if anyone forces you to go one mile, go with him two miles.⁴² Give to the one who begs from you, and do not refuse the one who would borrow from you.

Resources:

The NIV Life Application Commentary: 1 Peter by Scot McKnight

The Early Christian Letters for Everyone by N.T. Wright

Living in Sync (Regent Audio) by Darrel Johnson

Digging Deeper into Following Christ

This week’s passages:

Monday – 1 Peter 2:18-25

Tuesday – Matthew 5:38-42

Wednesday – Matthew 5:43-48

Thursday – Isaiah 53:1-8

Friday – Philippians 2:5-11

Weekend – Review the most meaningful passages of the week.

Each day this week you are invited to read the day’s passage and then respond to the following questions. Take special note of what God’s word says about Following Christ. You might find it beneficial to use a journal or notebook to record insights.

1. Read the passage prayerfully, listening for the voice of God and asking him to speak to you.
2. Record or write down the word, phrase, or verse that God impresses upon you.
3. Reflect and write down what it is about this word, phrase or verse that is meaningful to you.
4. Respond by writing a prayer or recording what it is that you think the Lord wants you to do in response to his word (“*Be doers of the word and not hearers only*” James 1:22).