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BEAUTIFUL SUBMISSION

1 PETER 2:11

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as **foreigners** and **exiles**, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

“They marry, as do all [others]; they beget children; but they do not destroy their offspring. They have a common table, but not a common bed. They are in the flesh, but they do not live after the flesh. They pass their days on earth, but they are citizens of heaven. They obey the prescribed laws, and at the same time surpass the laws by their lives.”

EPISTLE TO DIOGNETES

About 150 AD

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1 PETER 2:12

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.

HOW DO WE DO THIS?

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1 PETER 1:13-14

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.

Generational Attitudes Towards Life and Authority

TIM ELMORE

SILENT/BUILDERS

“Just be grateful you have a job.”

RESPECT THEM

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BABY BOOMERS

“I deserve better.”

REPLACE THEM

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GEN X

“Keep it real.”

CYNICALLY ENDURE THEM

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MILLENIALS

“Life is a cafeteria.”

I CHOOSE THEM

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GEN Z

“I’m hoping and coping.”

NOT SURE I NEED THEM

1 PETER 2:13a, 16

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority.... ¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; **live as God's slaves.**

RESPECT WITH HONOR



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1 PETER 2:17

17 Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

COURAGE **WITHOUT OFFENSE**



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1 PETER 2:18

18 Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

WHY WOULD WE DO THIS?

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1 PETER 2:19-20

¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering **because they are conscious of God.** ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is **commendable before God.**

1 PETER 2:21

21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

1 PETER 2:22-23

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.**

1 PETER 2:24

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.”

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