

The Apostle Peter on Godliness

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1 Peter 2:13-17, *“Submit yourselves for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.”*

Matthew 5:9, *“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.”*

1 Peter 2:18-20, *“Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable. ¹⁹ For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.”*

1 Peter 2:21-24, *“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, ²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; ²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.”*

Mark 8:31-33, *“Jesus began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders and the chief priests and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³² And He was stating the matter plainly. And Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him. ³³ But turning around and seeing His disciples, He rebuked Peter and said, “Get behind Me, Satan; for you are not setting your mind on God’s interests, but man’s.”*

True Godliness, Following in Christ's Footsteps:

1. True godliness submits oneself for the Lord's sake to every human institution. (13)
2. True godliness does not use freedom as a covering for evil. (16)
3. True godliness honors *all* people, loves the brotherhood, fears God, and honors the king. (17)
4. True godliness bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly. (19)
5. True godliness was displayed when Christ suffered for you, do likewise. (21)
6. True godliness was displayed when Jesus was reviled because He chose to suffer and remain silent as He uttered no threats. (23)
7. True godliness takes it to the cross, an instrument of death, that produces new life, through new thinking and responses. (24)

1 Peter 2:25, *"For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls."*