



MESSAGE NOTES

God Glorifying Relationships

1 Peter 2:17-3:16

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1. Respect and honour

1 Peter 2:17-18 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king. 18 Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.

All humans are created in the image of God and have inherent value in His eyes. When we treat other people with respect we glorify Him in our relationships. So we don't look down upon or think we're better than anyone else.

2. Suffering for doing good

1 Peter 3:14 But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled.

When we are treated unfairly for being a Christian we are blessed. God knows our strength and will not allow us to be tested beyond what we can bear. We don't need to fear other people because He is always on our side.

3. Reason for the hope within us

1 Peter 3:15-16 But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, 16 keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.

Jesus is the reason for the hope within us. We point other people to Him not with anger and arguing but with gentleness and respect. People respond to the love of God more than anything else.