


I Peter 2:18-25



Redeemed People  
Are Godly Employees

<sup>18</sup> 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. <sup>19</sup> For this finds favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

<sup>20</sup> 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. <sup>21</sup> 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, <sup>22</sup> Who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth; <sup>23</sup> 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; <sup>24</sup> 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. <sup>25</sup> For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

Monday, November 30

Read: 1 Peter 2:18-25

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

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2. What is said about employers (masters)?

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3. What is said about employees (servants)?

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4. What is said about Jesus?

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5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between employees, employers, and Jesus?

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**Tuesday**, December 1

Read: 1 Peter 2:19

1. Who is the one who finds favor when an employee submits to an unreasonable employer?

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2. What do you think is meant by “conscience toward God”?

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3. What does it mean to “bear up” under sorrows”?

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4. What do employees typically do if/when they suffer unjustly from an unreasonable boss?

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5. Discussion/Application: Why is Peter’s advice better than what disgruntled employees typically do?

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**Wednesday**, December 2

Read: 1 Peter 2:20

1. What is the point Peter is making in the first question found in verse 20?

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2. What is the point Peter is making in the rest of the verse?

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3. Have you ever unjustly suffered at work? If so, and if you ever faced the same situation again, would you respond differently this time?

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4. Typically, when credit is accrued, there comes a time when the holder of that credit can tap into it. When, if ever, can a mistreated employee do that?

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5. Discussion/Application: The reward for patient endurance is favor with God. Why, if we are under grace, would we want/need to earn favor with God?

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**Thursday**, December 3

Read: 1 Peter 2:21-23

1. What, specifically, is the purpose to which we have been called?

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2. Is that purpose in our life arbitrary, or is there a purpose to it?

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3. What is the practical connection between Jesus' suffering and our being unreasonably treated by a boss?

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4. What four things did Jesus *not* do while being treated unreasonably?

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5. Discussion/Application: Which of those four things are easiest for you to do when you are treated unreasonably?

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**Friday**, December 4

Read: 1 Peter 2:21-23

1. What did Jesus do while being treated unreasonably?

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2. What clues from the surrounding passages help us understand *how* Jesus did that?

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3. In what way can employees do the same thing while being mistreated?

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4. Why did Peter emphasize the *righteous* way God judges?

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5. Discussion/Application: Jesus kept on entrusting Himself to God. Was this active or passive trust? (Did Jesus *do* something to trust God or *not* do something to trust God?)

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**Saturday**, December 5

Read: 1 Peter 2:24-25

1. Verse 24 is not a random comment. What is its connection to the other verses we have been looking at this week?

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2. What is verse 24's connection to verse 25?

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3. What effect did Jesus' response to unreasonable treatment have on us?

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4. What effect might our Christ-like response to unreasonable bosses have on our employer?

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5. Discussion/Application: What effect might our Christ-like response have on our fellow employees?

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