Lesson Three: Honorable Living

Drawing Near

How do you define the term “worldliness”? How can a Christian determine whether he or she is living in a worldly fashion?

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Think of a Christian whom you would say lives honorably. Why do you say that? What about their life is honorable?

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Unleashing The Text

1. **What kind of radically different conduct does Peter say is expected of believers (2:11-12)? What are “fleshly lusts”?**

2. **As part of living honorably, Peter called for a lifestyle of submission. What does this word mean, and why does it cause such controversy in modern culture?**

3. **What reasons does Peter give for submitting to governing authorities? What will happen when we do this?**
4. Peter talks about how Christ endured unjust suffering. How does Peter use that as an example of what it may mean for us to submit to an earthly master? How can we find encouragement from Christ’s example?

5. How does Peter describe what a wife’s submission should look like? How can she do this? Why is this so important?

6. What kind of relationship does Peter call husbands to cultivate with their wives? What does he say will happen if a husband fails to do this?
Exploring The Meaning

7. Romans 12 begins with a call for believers to have a renewed mind. In what ways is a new and different way of thinking necessary for living a radically different kind of life?

8. Echoing much of what Peter wrote, what does Paul say are other marks of a loving, honorable life toward other Christians and non-Christians?

9. How do Peter’s words call for Christian husbands to live differently in relationship to their wives (3:7)? How might obedience to these commands change the negative public perception of the notion of “submission” in marriage?
Reflecting On The Text

10. How is your living different and distinct? Do you blend in with the word or stand out from it? What issues of compromise or disobedience do you sense God wants you to deal with today?

11. How would you evaluate yourself in the area of submission (whether to government, an employer, or a spouse)? What are some specific behaviors you need to begin, or cease, in order to bring your life into line with Peter’s words?

12. What two practical actions can you take this week to honor others? What friend can you ask to hold you accountable to do these things?
Personal Response

Write out additional reflections, questions you may have, or a prayer.
Courage in Times of Trouble

Sermon Notes
Prayer Requests

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