

Surviving Life

“With Integrity” (8)

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Text: 1 Peter 2:11-18

“¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation. ¹³ Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor. ¹⁸ Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.”

To live with integrity you need to do three things:

1. STAY AWAY FROM T

– v.11-12

2.SHOW RESPECT FOR A

– v.13-18 -

Verse 17 provides us with a progression and a grid to both verify and display whether we are Christ-followers.

1) SHOW RESPECT FOR E_____.

2) LOVE C_____ EVERYWHERE.

3) FEAR GOD AND H_____ THE GOVERNMENT.

It is so easy to conform and just blend in with the world around us. We must resist! *HOW?*

We’ll deal with the third piece of integrity next time..... ☺

