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**What should we really be concerned about?**

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**Out of Reverence for God**

**1 Peter 2:11-3:22**

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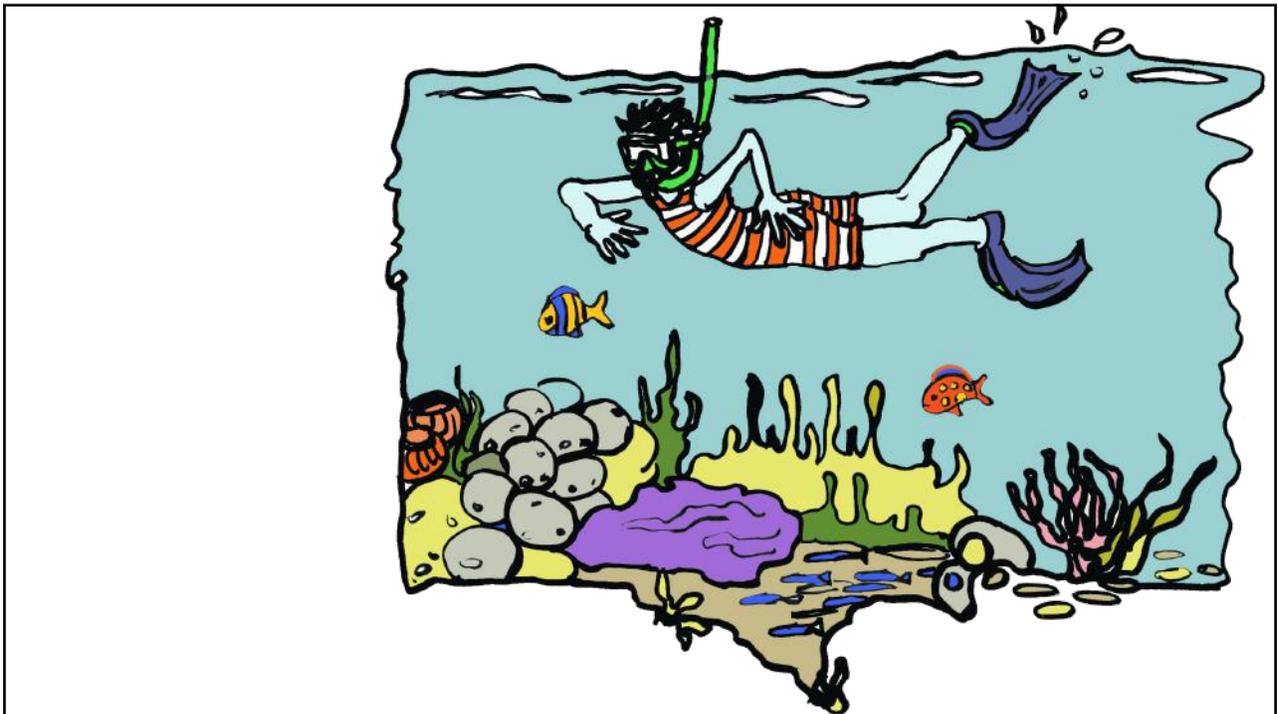


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“Blessed is the one...  
**whose delight is in the law of the Lord,**  
and who meditates on his law day and night.”  
Psalm 1:1a, 2

“All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for  
**teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in**  
**righteousness,** so that the servant of God may be  
thoroughly equipped for every good work.”  
2 Timothy 3:16-17

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## 1 Peter 1:1-2

To God's elect, exiles scattered...  
Grace and peace be yours in abundance.

## 1 Peter 2:17

Honor all people,  
love the family of believers,  
**fear God**  
**honor the king.**

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## 1 Peter 2:11-3:22

Live good lives among non-Christians 2:11-12

Submission → in reverent fear of God

- Everyone to governing authorities 2:13-17
  - "Slaves" 2:18-20
    - Christ's example 2:21-25
    - Wives (and husbands) 3:1-7
- Everyone honor each other 3:8-17
  - Christ for our salvation 3:18-22

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## "Slaves"

1 Peter 2:18-20

<sup>18</sup> Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. <sup>19</sup> For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God. <sup>20</sup> But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God

In reverent fear, conscious of God, before God...  
submit

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## Wives

1 Peter 3:1-4

Wives, **in the same way** **submit yourselves** to your own husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without words **by the behavior of their wives,** <sup>2</sup> when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. <sup>3</sup> Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as elaborate hairstyles and the wearing of gold jewelry or fine clothes. <sup>4</sup> Rather, it should be that of your inner self, **the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit,** which is of great worth in **God's sight.**

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## Wives

1 Peter 3:5-6

<sup>5</sup> For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to adorn themselves. They submitted themselves to their own husbands, <sup>6</sup> like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her lord. You are her daughters if you **do what is right and do not give way to fear.**

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## Husbands

1 Peter 3:7

<sup>7</sup> Husbands, **in the same way** be considerate as you live with your wives, and treat them **with respect** as the **weaker partner** and as **heirs with you** of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers.

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## Christ

1 Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup> For Christ also suffered once for sins, the righteous for the unrighteous, **to bring you to God**. He was put to death in the body but **made alive in the Spirit**. <sup>19</sup> After being made alive, he went and made proclamation to the imprisoned spirits— <sup>20</sup> to those who were disobedient long ago when God waited patiently **in the days of Noah** while the ark was being built. In it only a few people, eight in all, were saved through water, <sup>21</sup> and this water symbolizes baptism that now saves you also—not the removal of dirt from the body but the pledge of a clear conscience toward God. It saves you **by the resurrection of Jesus Christ**, <sup>22</sup> who has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand—with angels, authorities and powers in submission to him.

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## The Big Idea

In reverent fear of God  
Christians are to submit to every human authority  
while obeying God first  
as Jesus did

- All to governing authorities
- "Slave" to (harsh) master
- Wife to (unbelieving) husband
- Husband honor wife as co-heir

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**"The eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and his ears are attentive to their prayer, but the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."  
1 Peter 3:12**

Do what is of  
great worth  
in God's sight

**God gives grace**  
to those who endure  
unjust suffering in faith

**Where you are  
under an authority**

Entrust yourself  
to **Him who**  
**judges justly**

Follow  
Jesus' example

Revere Christ as Lord

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## Application

### Live in reverent fear of God

- Be confronted by God's Word
    - "My conscience is clear, but that does not make me innocent. **It is the Lord who judges me.** Therefore judge nothing before the appointed time; wait until the Lord comes. **He will bring to light what is hidden in darkness and will expose the motives of the heart.** At that time each will receive their praise from God."
- 1 Corinthians 4:4-5

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## Application

### Live in reverent fear of God

- Be confronted by God's Word
  - "Search me, God, and know my heart;  
test me and know my anxious thoughts.  
**See if there is any offensive way in me,**  
and lead me in the way everlasting."

Psalm 139:23-24

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## Application

### See every relationship or circumstance **under God**

- "in reverent fear...conscious of God...before God"
- Genuine submission and honor
- Also speaking up and seeking what is right and good in a way that is God-honoring
  - Always: "honor everyone,  
love the family of believers,  
fear God,  
honor the emperor"

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“From heaven the Lord looks down  
and sees all mankind;  
from his dwelling place he watches  
all who live on earth—

he who forms the hearts of all,  
who considers everything they do.” Psalm 33:13-15

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**What is our great hope?**

*For Christ also suffered once for sins,  
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*He was put to death in the body  
but made alive in the Spirit.*

*1 Peter 3:18*