



THE BIG PICTURE

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Do Good Anyway

Intro to 1 Peter 2:11-3:22

The 5 Purposes of the Purpose Driven Life

- **Worship**—You were planned for God’s pleasure
- **Fellowship**—You were formed for God’s family
- **Discipleship**—You were created to become like Christ
- **Ministry**—You were shaped for serving God
- **Evangelism**—You were made for a mission

In 1968 Dr Kent M. Keith wrote “The Paradoxical Commandments” to help student leaders stay on the right course even if they didn’t receive an immediate reward. One of those commandments said, “If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives—do good anyway.” This applies to this week’s study. When we do good towards others, whether it be society in general, in our families, or towards those who don’t believe, we may not get an immediate payoff. However, God tells us to “do good anyway”, because it will call attention to the rightness of His cause and eventually have a positive effect. First, we are instructed to keep our behavior excellent among those

outside of God’s family so that they may one day glorify Him. This includes submitting to every human authority, including the demonstration of a submissive spirit towards our employers even when they mistreat us. Our example for enduring such treatment is Christ Himself. Next, spouses are told to show honor to each other through submission and respect, with gentle and prayerful spirits, believing that God will change their hearts as we trust Him. Then we are encouraged to exhibit harmony, sympathy, kindness and humility even to those who mistreat us over the cause of Christ. We must give a blessing to others when they insult us, and we must be ready to



Understanding the big picture of God’s work helps us serve Him no matter what...

share with them the reason for the hope that we have. Just as Christ did, we must suffer in such a way that they are ashamed of their derision, and instead let them know the way to the life that we possess. As we lead them to salvation we ourselves will experience the blessings of this salvation, just as Noah did when he helped seven others be saved. While the reward may not be immediate, we must “do good anyway”.

Daily Study Questions for 1 Peter 2:11-3:22

(For answers to questions attend an ABF or go to [www.thehospitalchurch.com/small groups/ABFs/leader resources](http://www.thehospitalchurch.com/small_groups/ABFs/leader_resources))

1. Read 1 Peter 2:11-12. What are we told to do negatively (v11) and positively (v12)? Why (v12)?	
2. In 2:13-17 specifically what are we to do (v13-14), and why (v15)? What general principle are we to follow in society (v16-17)?	
3. From 2:18-20 how should we always respond to our bosses (v18). Why should we especially do this when we are mistreated (v18-20)?	

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I Peter 2:11-3:22 Daily Study Questions (cont)

<p>4. From 2:21-25 how did Christ respond when He was mistreated (v23)? What result did this have (v24-25), and how should we respond (v21-22, 24)?</p>	
<p>5. Based on 3:1-6 what attitudes lead to behavior that “wins” their husbands (v2, 3-4, 5-6)? Who is this really for (v1, 4, 5)? How should this be applied?</p>	
<p>6. Looking at 3:7 how are husbands to live with their wives and why? How does this benefit them?</p>	
<p>7. Using 3:8-12 how are we all to act (v8), especially when we are mistreated (v9)? Why is this good (v10-12)?</p>	
<p>8. In 3:13-17 what attitudes should we have when persecuted (v14, 15), and what should we be ready to do (v15)? For what reason should we suffer (v16-17)?</p>	
<p>9. According to 3:18-20 why did Christ suffer (v18)? What did He do when resurrected (v19-20)? What do you think this means?</p>	
<p>10. From 3:21-22 in what sense does baptism “save” us (v21)? How do we receive the approval of God (v21c-22)? 21*iu8787</p>	
<p>11. Summarize from 1 Peter 2:11-3:22 some areas and ways in which we can be persecuted, and how we should respond. How is Christ the best example of this for us?</p>	

Scripture to Remember

“For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.”

1 Peter 2:15 (NAS)

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Life Group Questions—Let’s Get Real about Spiritual Growth— 2

(Using questions based on today’s message, Life Groups meet in homes to build supportive relationships with others at Celebration Fellowship that enable us to grow in Christ.)

1. Why do you think people who have “found” Jesus think that they need no longer seek Him? What does “seeking Jesus” mean to you?
2. Read 1 Peter 2:4-6. In what sense is Jesus our cornerstone? What are some of the implications for our everyday lives that flow out of this fact?
3. What is so controversial about Jesus? Have you seen people who get crushed by Him, and what does that look like?
4. What’s wrong with identifying ourselves with our past, our performance, or our problems? What does the designation, “living stones”, imply about our true identity?
5. Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What 4 phrases describe us in God’s eyes? Discuss what these meant to you.
6. Bring up anything else important to you from Sunday’s message if there is time.