1 Peter 2:11-17

"Living as servants of God"

BACK

to

BASICS

Reviewing our Identity and Calling as the people of God:

Matt. 22:35-46 "What is most important?"

1 Peter 1:1-12 "Rejoice in the greatness of salvation!"

1 Peter 1:13-25 "Called to Holy Conduct"

1 Peter 2:1-10 "Christ the Cornerstone- we are living stones."

Hebrews 10:34-35 ESV

For you had compassion on those in prison, and you joyfully accepted the plundering of your property, since you knew that you yourselves had a better possession and an abiding one. Therefore do not throw away your confidence, which has a great reward.

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1st Call upon us-

To live exemplary lives as servants of Jesus Christ by battling sinful desires, so that others are drawn to Christ.

James 1:14-15 ESV

But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death.

Ephesians 6:17–18 ESV

and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

2nd Call upon us-

To give respect to human rulers in a way that points to our spiritual freedom in Jesus Christ.

Submit to Human Authorities-"For the Lord's sake"

- 1. These authorities have been established by God- for His good purposes for humanity.
- 2. Submission to human authority is a reflection of our willingness to serve God. (and submit to him)

1 Peter 2:17 ESV

Honor everyone.

Love the brotherhood. Fear God.

Honor the emperor.

Applications-

1. How is God calling me to glady submit to authority?

2. How can I bless others in authority, or surprise those who slander Christ by doing what is good and right?