

# BE HOLY! - LIVING A "SET APART" LIFE

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## A Submissive Life -1 Peter 2:11-25

### FOR CHILDREN:

A draft horse is a powerful animal. Alone it can pull 8,000 pounds. But guess how much two can pull? Up to 32,000 pounds! Working together each can do twice as much as it could alone! Read 1 Peter 3:8-13. Peter was writing to help Christians that were being mistreated by enemies. He says that God wants them to be kind, even to people that are mean to them. This might seem impossible for one person alone, but it becomes possible with help from others. Not only does God give us Holy Spirit to make being kind to enemies possible, He also gives us Christian friends to encourage us to continue to do the right things.

### FOR THE GROWING CHRISTIAN:

Read 1 Peter 3:8-16. This is another area of our lives where we're called to be submissive. In this case we submit to a life of Christ-like character because Jesus has made heirs of God's promised blessing! *(for a reminder of all the wonderful things God has done for you read 1 Peter 1:3-12)*. What character does this submissive life manifest? It is to be: **Harmonious** - like minded, a team player in the Body of Christ. We hurt the Body when we are not consistent in our witness of a holy life. **Sympathetic** - intentionally involved with what our brothers/sisters are facing in life, ready to encourage and support them through trials and temptations. **Loving** - this is the Greek word for brotherly love, manifested in meaningful fellowship. **Compassionate** - kind-hearted, moved to action for one another. **Humble** - putting others first, courteous to one another, when all do this all are cared for! In which area might God be calling you to submit more? And remember that it's Holy Spirit's power that makes this kind of life possible!

### Weekly Memory Verse:

"and He Himself brought our sins in His body up on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness; by His wounds you were healed."

1 Peter 2:24

### Weekly Affirmation:

THROUGH HOLY SPIRIT I CAN  
ANSWER INSULT WITH BLESSING!

### FOR THE MATURE CHRISTIAN:

Read 1 Peter 3:1-7. Peter is continuing to teach on the winsome submissiveness of the Christian life. In context Peter is speaking to Christian wives whose husbands are non-believers. Under Christ (*her true Master*) she is still called to submit herself to her husband as head of the family. Her obedience to Jesus in this will be what attracts him to the Lord. Likewise, Peter calls husbands that are Christians to a submissive life. In the case of his family he is to be understanding. He is to recognize the vulnerable situation that his wife has taken in submitting herself to his lead. They are one flesh after all, so to abuse his position over her would only be to hurt himself. He cannot be living a life pleasing to God while dishonoring his wife and family. By contrast to lift her up would be to build up himself and honor God. But every Christian, **married or not**, can learn the following from this section: what's external is not what attracts, rather it's what's inside our heart. Peter describes this as manifesting in behavior that is pure (*righteous/holy*), respectful (*honoring the value of other human beings*), gentle (*considerate/compassionate*), and quiet (*calmness that avoids flashes of temper*). Where might God be calling you to submit more?

## OCTOBER 2025 GROWTH GOALS

- ☐ Read the Book of 1 Peter
- ☐ Watch the Bible Project video on 1 Peter (*available on the website*).
- ☐ Memorize one of the weekly memory verses.
- ☐ Invite at least one person to Sunday assembly or Bible Study.