

## I Peter Bible Study

### Lesson 9 Questions/ I Peter 2:18-25

#### God Honoring Submission in the Workplace

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this week's study.

Read I Peter 2:18-25.

1. In our verses for this week, Peter continues teaching on biblical submission and moves into the sphere of the workplace. Using the following verses summarize God's view of work. Gen. 2:15, 3:17-19, Deut. 8:11-18, Prov. 10:4-5, Col. 3:22-24, II Thes. 3:10 \_\_\_\_\_  
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2. Martin Luther wrote, *"The work of monks and priests in God's sight is in no way whatever superior to the work of a farmer laboring in the field, or of a woman looking after her home."* Do you believe this? If so why? What are some wrong thoughts you have been tempted to believe about work?  
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3. While work was a part of God's plan before the fall, after the fall God instituted the servant master relationship to provide a structure for man to be cared for. Ultimately, it was meant to benefit society by "ensuring safety, productivity, care, and support and the conduct of human enterprise." (MacArthur) The only problem with this system is that man is sinful. Using the following verses write down common abuses in the servant master relationship.

Master (Ex. 21:26-27, Prov. 21:25-26, Col. 4:1, I Pet. 2:18, Matt. 20:25-28) \_\_\_\_\_

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Servant (Titus 2:9-10, Col. 3:22, Prov. 18:9, Philemon 1:10-11)\_\_\_\_\_

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4. Despite these common abuses, God is still sovereign and desires to use the servant master relationship to bring glory to Himself. According to I Peter 2: 18 what is the servant’s primary responsibility? \_\_\_\_\_  
According to 2:19 what should be the servant’s primary motivation? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Peter makes clear that there will be suffering as a servant seeks to submit in a God honoring way. Using vs. 18-23 write down some of the potential difficulties. \_\_\_\_\_

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Why do you think our default mechanism is to always try and claim our “rights?” \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Going further, Peter makes clear that the suffering that finds favor with God is the suffering that comes from doing right. This type of suffering defined Jesus’ whole life. Write down specific examples of how Jesus embodied this? ( Is. 53, John 1:11, Matt. 27:38, 23:37, Luke 22:44, etc , etc.)

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7. Jesus suffered these things to accomplish our salvation! Yet, He also suffered them to set a pattern for us to follow. ( vs. 21) Why is it so hard to suffer an injustice? What is your natural response? \_\_\_\_\_

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8. Vs 24 says that it is through Christ's wounds that we are healed. What type of healing is this referring to? ( Jer. 17:9, Ezek. 36:25-27, Rom. 8:2) \_\_\_\_\_

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9. How does knowing the fact you are spiritually healed bring you hope?

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10. Vs 25 says that Jesus is the Shepherd and Overseer of our souls. How is Jesus our Shepherd? In what ways does this comfort you and give you courage to face trials? (Ps. 23, Luke 15:3-7) \_\_\_\_\_

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11. As Overseer, Jesus guards and protects our souls. Peter, of all people, had experienced this first hand! (Luke 22:31, John 6:39, I Peter 1:4-5) How did this type of love change Peter's life forever? How is it changing yours?

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12. After studying these passages on submission, how have you been encouraged to follow more closely in Christ's steps? \_\_\_\_\_

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