

1 Peter 2:13-14

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TEXT :- 1 Peter 2:12

Having your conversation honest [good] among the Gentiles: that, whereas they speak against you as evildoers, they may by *your* good works, which they shall **behold**, glorify God in the day of visitation. **13** Submit yourselves to every ordinance [law] of man for the Lord's sake: whether it be to the king, as supreme; **14** Or unto governors, as unto them that are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers, and for the praise of them that do well.

Be righteous - you may have peace with your enemies

Proverbs 16:7 When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his **enemies to be at peace with him.**

Shall we not receive evil?

Job 2:10 But he said unto her, Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.

Evil speaking because you run not with them

1 Peter 4:4 Wherein they think it strange that **ye run not with them** to the same excess of riot, **speaking evil of you: 5** Who shall give account to him that is ready to judge the quick and the dead.

Evil speakers ashamed by your good conversation

1 Peter 3:16 Having a good conscience; that, whereas they speak evil of you, as of evildoers, they may be ashamed that falsely accuse your good conversation in Christ.

Titus 2:6 Young men likewise exhort to be sober minded. **7** In all things shewing thyself a pattern of good works: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity, **8** Sound speech, that cannot be condemned; that he that is of the contrary part **may be ashamed**, having no evil thing to say of you.

We are responsible to overcome evil with good

Romans 12:21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Lord shall reward thee

Proverbs 25:21 If thine enemy be hungry, give him bread to eat; and if he be thirsty, give him water to drink: **22** For thou shalt heap coals of fire upon his head, and the LORD shall reward thee.

Matthew 5:11 Blessed are ye, when *men* shall revile you, and persecute *you*, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, **for my sake.** **12** Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great *is* your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Those walking after the flesh hate authority

2 Peter 2:10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and **despise government.** Presumptuous *are they*, selfwilled, they are **not afraid to speak evil of dignities.**

Paul corrected himself

Acts 23:2 And the high priest Ananias commanded them that stood by him to smite him on the mouth. **3** Then said Paul unto him, God shall smite thee, *thou* whited wall: for sittest thou to judge me after the law, and commandest me to be smitten contrary to the law? **4** And they that stood by said, **Revilest thou God's high priest?** **5** Then said Paul, I wist not, brethren, that he was the high priest: for it is written, **Thou shalt not speak evil of the ruler of thy people.**

John 19:10 Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? **11** Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power *at all* against

me, except it were given thee from above: therefore he **that delivered me unto thee hath the greater sin.**

A heavenly citizen, will also be a good earthy citizen

Romans 12:17 Recompense **to no man evil** for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, **live peaceably** with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, **avenge not yourselves**, but *rather* give place unto wrath: for it is written, Vengeance *is* mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good. 13:1 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. 2 Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: 4 For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to *execute* wrath upon him that doeth evil. 5 Wherefore *ye* must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. 6 For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. 7 Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour. 8 Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. 9 For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if *there be* any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. 10 Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love *is* the fulfilling of the law.

Fear the king

Proverbs 24:21 My son, fear thou the LORD and the king: *and* meddle not with them that are given to change:

Be humble towards those in authority

Titus 3:1 Put them in mind to be subject to principalities and powers, to obey magistrates, to be ready to every good work,

Obey God first and then man, not the other way round

Acts 5:29 Then Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said, We ought to **obey God rather than men.**

Have a good confession like Jesus Christ

1 Timothy 6:13 I give thee charge in the sight of God, who quickeneth all things, and *before* Christ Jesus, who before **Pontius Pilate witnessed a good confession;**

Pilate's confession about Jesus Christ

Luke 23:4 Then said Pilate to the chief priests and *to* the people, **I find no fault in this man.**

Lead a godly life under the kings and those in authority

1 Timothy 2:1 I exhort therefore, that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks, be made for all men; 2 For kings, and *for* all that are in authority; **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and honesty.** 3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour; 4 Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.