

STANDING STRONG IN OUR LIVING HOPE | 1 PETER
1 PETER 2:11-25

R.E.S.P.E.C.T It's a rare thing these days. Yet as God's representatives, we are called to be respectful, disciplined, God-honoring people. Peter powerfully told the church who they were in Christ. He said they were being built collectively into a spiritual building; they were priests with a relationship with God who interceded for others. Then he declared in no uncertain terms that they were a holy nation of God, recipients of His mercy, redeemed from a dark way of life, and commissioned to proclaim that God is truly excellent. As those who are to represent Christ, he now directs them to have a right attitude toward self-discipline and authority. What principles does he teach them? How should we live in a way that is respectful and disciplined, so that God receives glory through our lives?

1. We must be people who practice self-discipline in our behavior and _____, proving _____ wrong with our _____.

2. We must be respectful and _____ with our civil _____, however following our _____ first and foremost.

3. We must have respect for our _____, even the _____, realizing we reflect God in all we do, and our work is an _____ to Him.

4. We must realize when things are hard to bear that Christ is our perfect _____ and has went _____ us. "After all you've done for me Lord, I will follow."