

① Don't Get Shook, God has The Controls

② Get Tough & start Growing

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PATTERN NUMBER THREE

YOU ARE PART OF THE ESTABLISHMENT 2:4-10

KEY VERSE: 2:5 And you also as living stones are being built up a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

MEMORY VERSE: 2:9

TEXT: 2:4-10

John Hamilton: "it's in the Lord's hands He has a better plan"

Toward whom we are drawing near, a living stone, having been it is true, rejected by men but with God elect, precious. And you also as living stone are being built up a spiritual house into a holy priesthood to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. Because of this it is contained in scripture: "Behold I am laying in zion a stone, one chosen out, a precious cornerstone. And the one who is believing on him shall by no means be disappointed." To you therefore who are believing is the preciousness but to those who are unbelievers, the stone which the builders rejected, this (stone) became a head cornerstone. And a stone that causes men to stumble and a rock which arouses opposition for they are stumbling at the word being an unbeliever to which indeed they were appointed. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people that have become (God's own) possession, in order that you might proclaim the virtues of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light who at one time were not a people but now are God's people; who once had not found mercy, but now have found mercy.

EXPOSITION: Peter has shared with us chapter 1 the glorious future which is ours because of our salvation which is Christ, and also our responsibility to get serious and to grow up in this salvation. Now we find here in chapter 2 that he is going to be sharing with us our privileged position as living stones in a spiritual house.

* Paul refers to us as members of a spiritual body, each having different functions. The pressure today, of course, is to do your own thing and think only about yourself rather than about your relationship with others.

Verse Four: Toward whom we are drawing near, a living stone, having been it is true, rejected by men but with God elect, precious.

1:19 "But with precious blood, as of a Lamb without blemish + spotless, the blood of Christ"

1. The stone in verse four refers back to the Lord in verse 3. It is He to whom we are drawing near. The world sees a rock & God sees a diamond

2. He is given the title, a living stone, in this verse. In 1:3 we have a living hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ, and in 1:23 we have been born again by the living word and now 2:4 Christ is referred to as a living stone. Having been, it is true, rejected by men. "But" forms a contrast with God elect, precious.

Luck points out in the verses just preceding these, "the symbol of milk was used. Here the figure changes to a stone. Christ our Lord is a living stone. Did not Peter have in mind as he used these words the purpose announced by Jesus many years before, just after Peter's great confession 'Upon this rock I will build my church and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it'?" Some would tell us that Peter himself is that rock upon which the church is built. In this passage in 1 Peter no hint is made of such a thing. Time after time Christ is called the stone or rock. He, the living stone, the solid foundation was disallowed or rejected."

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God is building us! Shaped & ready for use in construction!

Precious
OF GREAT
Value!

Peter
Builds
Paul
Body

1:19
12:1

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Living Stones to who is calling
The Shots?

Correlation

PATTERN NUMBER FOUR
SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY 2:11-17

KEY VERSE: 2:13 Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake whether to a king as one who is supreme.

MEMORY VERSE: 2:15

TEXT: 2:11-17

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Peter in this particular pattern recognized the fact that God has a chain of command and that we are happiest when we are operating in the bounds of that authority.

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the roughness of his character and there is a gentleness in his voice as he beseeches his dearly beloved readers which must have been one of the strongest persuasives to the life for which he pleaded. This plead for a blameless life must have gone home with double effect because the shaft was winged with feathers drawn from love's gentle breast. The force of the expression is greater because it is not often that we find Peter pleading thus. Christian love does not always require the use of tender and effusive expressions. There's always a danger of their losing their meaning and power through incessant repetition, but there are occasions especially when we yearn for the welfare of others in which though we might be bold enough to join them to that which is convenient yet for love's sake we beseech them.

3. Lenski points out that all of these exhortations deal with our relationships and thus naturally follow those that emanate from our relationship to God.
4. Stibbs points out this section of the epistle opens at 2:11 and ends at 3:12 with exhortations of universal application to all Christians concerning their manner of life in this world and in relation to their fellow man. The intervening paragraphs deal in turn with the duties of Christians as citizens, as servants, and as wives and husbands. These exhortations cover the chief human relationships of life. One's relationship as we might say to the state, to one's employer, and one's home and married partner. In introducing Christ's patient submission to underserved suffering is an example to be imitated. Peter cannot refrain from indicating also the unique atoning character and efficacy of His death. 2:21-25
5. Peter once again refers to Christians as aliens and exiles. Aliens because they are living in a strange land and exiles because they are away from heaven, their eternal home.
6. His plea is that they keep away from the desires of the flesh which are waging war against your soul.
7. Paul in several places in his epistles speaks of this conflict that is going on between the flesh and the spirit within us. Galatians 5:16, 17 - I advise you to obey only the Holy Spirit's instructions. He will tell you where to go and what to do and then you won't always be doing the wrong things your evil nature wants you to. For we naturally love to do evil things that are just the opposite from the things the Holy Spirit tells us to do and the good things we want to do when the Spirit has its way with us are just the opposite of our natural desires. These two forces within us are constantly fighting each other to win control over us and our wishes are never free from their punctures.
8. Romans 7:15-25 - I don't understand myself at all for I really want to do what is right but I can't. I do what I don't want to, what I hate. I know perfectly well that what I am doing is wrong and that the laws I am breaking are good ones, but I can't help myself because I'm not doing it. It is sin inside me that is stronger than I am that makes me do these evil things. I know I am rotten through and through so far as my old sinful nature is concerned. No matter which way I turn I can't make

I Peter 2:1 "So get rid of all malice + all deceit and hypocrisy and envy all all speaking against"

Moving
From
Salvation
to
Sub-
mission

Change Always produces A Greater Closeness,
When it is produced by The Spirit of God.

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Flesh = Strong desires motivated by Selfishness

myself do right. I want to but I can't. When I want to do good I don't and when I try not to do wrong I do it anyway. Now if I am doing what I don't want to it is plain where the trouble is. Sin still has me in its evil grasp. It seems to be a fact of life that when I want to do what is right I inevitably do what is wrong. I love to do God's Will so far as my new nature is concerned, but there is something else deep within me in my lower nature that is at war with my mind and wins the fight and makes me a slave to sin and death that are still within me. In my mind I want to be God's willing servant, but instead I find myself still enslaved to sin. So you see how it is, my new life tells me to do right, but the old nature that is still inside me loves to sin. What a terrible thing this is. Who will free me from my slavery to this deadly lower nature. Thank God it has been done through Jesus Christ our Lord. He has set me free.

9. James also speaks of this conflict in James 4. What is causing the quarrels and fights among you. Isn't it because there is a whole army of evil desires within you. You want what you don't have so you kill to get it. You long for what others have and can't afford it so you start a fight and take it away from them and yet the reason you don't have what you want is because you don't ask God for it.

10. Paul outlines the works of the flesh in Galatians 5:19-21. But when you follow your own wrong inclinations your lives will produce these evil results: impure thoughts, eagerness for lustful pleasure, idolotry, spiritism, hatred and fighting, jealousy and anger, constant effort to get the best for yourself, complaints and criticisms, the feeling that everyone else is wrong except those in your own little group, and there will be wrong doctrine, envy, murder, drunkenness, wild parties, and all that sort of thing. Let me tell you again as I have before that anyone living that sort of life will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Verse Twelve: Having your manner of life among the Gentiles beautiful in its goodness in order that in case they are speaking against you as those who are doing evil as a result of your good deeds which they are watching they may glorify God on the day of visitation.

1. Whereas we had the negative command in verse eleven-keep away from the desires of the flesh-now in verse twelve we have the positive command having your manner of life among the Gentiles beautiful in its goodness. Paul also in the Galatians passage spells out how life can be beautiful when it is in the control of the spirit (Galatians 5:22,23). But when the Holy Spirit controls our lives He will produce this kind of fruit in us: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. And here there is no conflict with Jewish laws.

2. The reason Peter is commanding them to have their lives among the Gentiles beautiful in its goodness is seen in the next phrase, in order that in case they are speaking against you as those who are doing evil as a result of your good deeds which they are watching they may glorify God on the day of visitation.

There's That : " Speaking Against " Again !!

Precious
Beautiful
Ecc. 3:11

I hear
You saying
Man! that's
Beautiful

GOLF: PGA TOUR

'Lefty' Plans To Return For U.S. Open

DUBLIN, Ohio (AP) — Phil Mickelson plans a brief return to the PGA Tour in time to play in the U.S. Open.

The world's No. 2 player suspended his schedule indefinitely upon announcing two weeks ago that his wife, Amy, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Recent tests have given them hope the cancer has been caught early, with more tests over the next month.

Mickelson intends to return next week at the St. Jude Championship in Memphis, Tenn., then play the following week in the U.S. Open at Bethpage Black, according to a person informed of the plans.

The person spoke on condition of anonymity because Mickelson had not announced his decision.

"We heard there was a possibility he would play," St. Jude

Championship spokesman Phil Cannon. "That would be great."

Mickelson is a sentimental favorite at every U.S. Open, where at age 38 he already has tied the record for most runner-up finishes with four. He is especially popular in New York, and his presence at Bethpage Black figured to bring an emotional and raucous response.

He has never finished worse than fourth in his four U.S. Opens held in New York.

But his return might not last long.

Mickelson first thought surgery for his 37-year-old wife could happen as early as a few weeks since the announcement, but that has been pushed back for another month.

Her treatment and recovery will dictate whether he plays in

the British Open, or how much he plays at all the rest of the summer. Mickelson already has won twice this year and is No. 5 in the FedEx Cup standings.

Amy Mickelson is among the most popular wives in golf, mingling with friends and fans with equal ease as she follows him around the course. The support has been overwhelming, with phone calls and messages and from players, and visible support on tour.

Saturday at Colonial, the PGA Tour Wives Association worked with the tour and title sponsor Crowne Plaza to promote "Pink Out," in which players, wives, officials and fans were encouraged to wear pink.

Ian Poulter was dressed in pink from head-to-toe, and most players wore some form

of pink. Vijay Singh, one of Mickelson's fierce rivals, wore a pink shirt. Even the CBS Sports crew wore the color in support.

"We have been home watching the golf at Colonial surrounded by loved ones," Amy wrote Saturday on her husband's Web site. "Every time we see a player, caddy, announcer or fan wearing pink, we are overwhelmed by the love and support we feel. ... The 11 days since we received the diagnosis have been very difficult, but this incredible gesture helps us feel so much stronger."

Mickelson typically plays the week before a major to work into a competitive mode, but he has not done that in the last two years when Memphis moved into that spot on the schedule.

3. Peter has a lot to say about living the life even as James was concerned about living the life rather than liping it.
4. It is Peter's hope that as they watch they may glorify God on the day of visitation.
5. Luck points out the apostle urges us to live in a Godly manner before unsaved people so that they may glorify God in the day of visitation. By this expression he may perhaps refer to certain times in this present life when God speaks in a very powerful way to the hearts of the unconverted. To this Isaiah the Prophet alludes when he says "Seek ye the Lord while he may be found, call ye upon Him while He is near". Or it may be that Peter's expression looks forward to that future day of judgement when all men will have to stand before God. At that time the wicked will be forced to admit that they are without excuse since they willfully ignored our good testimony to them.
6. Francis Schaeffer in his book Death in the City says "if we are Christians and do not have upon us the calling to respond to the lostness of the lost and the compassion to those of our kind our orthodoxy is ugly and it stinks. And it not only stinks in the presence of the hippy, it stinks in the presence of anybody whose an honest man, and more than that I'll tell you something else orthodoxy without compassion stinks with God".

Verse Thirteen: Be subject to every human institution for the Lord's sake, whether to a king as one who is supreme.

1. Here is the key verse to our fourth pattern; submit to authority. The natural human tendency is to want to go our own way and live life as we please subjecting ourselves to the authority of no man. God's way for us to experience His blessing is to be submissive to those in authority over us. Because God has ordained and permitted the powers that be.

2. Paul speaks of this same matter in Romans 13. Every Christian ought to obey the civil authorities for all legitimate authority is derived from God's authority and the existing authority is appointed under God. To oppose authority then, is to oppose God, and such opposition is bound to be punished. The honest citizen has no need to fear the keepers of law and order, but the dishonest man will always be nervous of them. If you want to avoid this anxiety just lead a law abiding life and all that can come your way is a word of approval. The officer is God's servant for your protection, but if you are leading a wicked life you have reason to be alarmed. The power of the law which is vested in every legitimate officer is no empty phrase. He is in fact, divinely appointed to inflict God's punishment upon evil doers. You should therefore obey the authorities not simply because it is the safest but because it is the right thing to do.

Rees points out that the verb-to be subject- is an aorist imperative as though Peter were saying settle it once for all that this is to be the course of action for you to follow.

4. F. B. Myer says there is great helpfulness in these words often when submission is required of us to some arbitrary and imperious command we are inclined to resent it. The blood flushes our face, lightening flashes in our eyes and we are disposed to go

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old nature

Every

- ① All inclusive
- ② Legitimate Human Auth.
- ③ Parent/child
- ④ Church leaders/members
- ⑤ Business
- ⑥ Government
- ⑦ Universities
- ⑧ Volunteer organ.

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Authority	464-11	<i>I have as much authority as the Pope, I just don't have as many people who believe it.</i>

George Carlin

p. 93

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Authority	371-40	Many people believe in law and order as long as they can lay down the law and give the orders. p. 393

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Authority	027-35	Civilization is always in danger when those who have never learned to obey are given the right to command. —Fulton Sheen p. 44

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Authority	171-07	<p>I'm reminded of the local deputy sheriff I recently saw on the nightly news. The poor guy was in a hurry to get home after his shift and he had to make a quick stop on the way to pick up a few groceries. In his haste, he pulled his squad car up to the curb and dashed into the store. What he hadn't noticed was that he'd parked his car in a "no parking" zone. Moments later, when he came out of the store, he sheepishly noticed the sign. What to do?</p> <p>No hesitation in this good man! He simply pulled out his pad and, there in front of the smiling passerby, wrote himself a seventeen-dollar ticket. The passerby, buoyed by his consistency, applauded. And you've got to believe they will more readily accept their own lumps from this authority figure whose justice is consistent—even when it hurts.</p> <p>p. 135</p>

TOPIC	REF #	TEXT
Authority	725-16	<p>One of the strongest of myths is the illusion of control. “I am in control” is not just a lie; author Ernest Becker called this the <i>vital</i> lie because we need it for our egos to survive. “We don’t want to admit that we are fundamentally dishonest about reality, that we do not control our lives, that we always rely on something that transcends us.” He says that man will use the power of money, or a string of sexual conquests, or relationships with important people, or a prestigious job, or his ability to learn, to make him feel that “he <i>controls</i> his life and death . . . he is a <i>somebody</i>—not just a trembling accident germinated on a hothouse planet that [Thomas] Carlyle for all time called a ‘hall of doom’”</p> <p>But we are not in control.</p> <p>61: <i>Becker: Ernest Becker, The Denial of Death.</i> New York: Free Press, 1974, 55.</p> <p>61: “He <i>controls his life</i>”: Ibid.</p> <p>p. 61</p>
Authority	725-17	<p>Maybe the best commentary on this particular illusion is a book on political theory by a philosopher named Dr. Seuss. It’s called <i>Yertle the Turtle</i>.</p> <p>Yertle rules (or so he thinks) over a little pond of turtles. One day he decides his kingdom needs extending, so there went out a decree that all the turtles should be stacked up to become Yertle’s throne. The king lifts his hand, and the whole pond scrambles to obey. First dozens, then hundreds—he could see for miles.</p> <p>Yertle thought his throne was as secure as a throne could be. But it came to pass that at the bottom of the turtle stack there was an obscure, powerless turtle named Mac.</p> <p><i>That plain little Mac did a plain little thing. He burped! And his burp shook the throne of the king!</i></p> <p>Yertle Augustus had a great fall. And all the king’s horses and all the king’s men could not put Yertle together again.</p> <p>For the first shall be last. And everyone who exalts himself shall be humbled. Even if you’re Yertle Augustus. Even if you’re Yertle VIP, MVP, PhD, CEO, BMOC—you’re just one burp away from reality.</p> <p>61: <i>Yertle the Turtle: Dr. Seuss, Yertle the Turtle and Other Stories.</i> New York: Random House, 1958.</p> <p>pp. 61–62</p>

PEOPLE WHO HAVE PROBLEMS RECOGNIZING WHO'S THE BOSS

1. Adam & Eve

Genesis 3:1-6 (NET)

Now the serpent was more shrewd than any of the wild animals that the Lord God had made. He said to the woman, "Is it really true that God said, 'You must not eat from any tree of the orchard'?" The woman said to the serpent, "We may eat of the fruit from the trees of the orchard; but concerning the fruit of the tree that is in the middle of the orchard God said, 'You must not eat from it, and you must not touch it, or else you will die.'" The serpent said to the woman, "Surely you will not die, for God knows that when you eat from it your eyes will open and you will be like divine beings who know good and evil." When the woman saw that the tree produced fruit that was good for food, was attractive to the eye, and was desirable for making one wise, she took some of its fruit and ate it. She also gave some of it to her husband who was with her, and he ate it.

2. Cain

Genesis 4:6-7 (NET)

Then the Lord said to Cain, "Why are you angry, and why is your expression downcast? Is it not true that if you do what is right, you will be fine? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at the door. It desires to dominate you, but you must suppress it."

3. Jacob

Genesis 32:24-25 (NET)

So Jacob was left alone. Then a man wrestled with him until daybreak. When the man saw that he could not defeat Jacob, he struck the socket of his hip so the socket of Jacob's hip was dislocated while he wrestled with him.

4. Achan

Joshua 7:1, 20-21 (NET)

But the Israelites disobeyed the command about the city's riches. Achan son of Carmi, son of Zabdi, son of Zerah, from the tribe of Judah, stole some of the riches. The Lord was furious with the Israelites.

Achan told Joshua, "It is true. I have sinned against the Lord God of Israel in this way: I saw among the loot a nice robe from Babylon, two hundred silver pieces, and a bar of gold weighing fifty shekels. I wanted them, so I took them. They are hidden in the ground right in the middle of my tent with the silver underneath."

5. Nadab & Abihu

Leviticus 10:1-2 (NET)

Then Aaron's sons, Nadab and Abihu, each took his fire pan and put fire in it, set incense on it, and presented strange fire before the Lord, which he had not commanded them to do. So fire went out from the presence of the Lord and consumed them so that they died before the Lord.

6. Sons of Korah

Numbers 16:1-3, 19-21, 30-35 (NET)

Now Korah son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, and Dathan and Abiram, the sons of Eliab, and On son of Peleth, who were Reubenites, took men and rose up against Moses, with some of the Israelites, two hundred fifty princes of the community, chosen from the assembly, famous men. And they assembled against Moses and Aaron, saying to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, seeing that all the community is holy, every one of them, and the Lord is among them. Why then do you lift yourselves above the community of the Lord?"

When Korah assembled the whole community against them at the entrance of the tent of meeting, then the glory of the Lord appeared to the whole community. The Lord spoke to Moses and Aaron: "Separate yourselves from among this community, that I may consume them in an instant."

But if the Lord does something entirely new, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that they have, and they go down alive to the grave, then you will know that these men have despised the Lord!" When he had finished speaking all these words, the ground that was under them split open, and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them, along with their houses, and all Korah's men, and all their goods. They and all that they had went down alive into the pit, and the earth closed over them. So they perished from the midst of the community. All the Israelites that were around them fled at their cry, for they said, "What if the earth swallows us too?" Then a fire went out from the Lord and devoured the two hundred fifty men who offered incense.

7. Children of Israel

Isaiah 1:2-9 (NET)

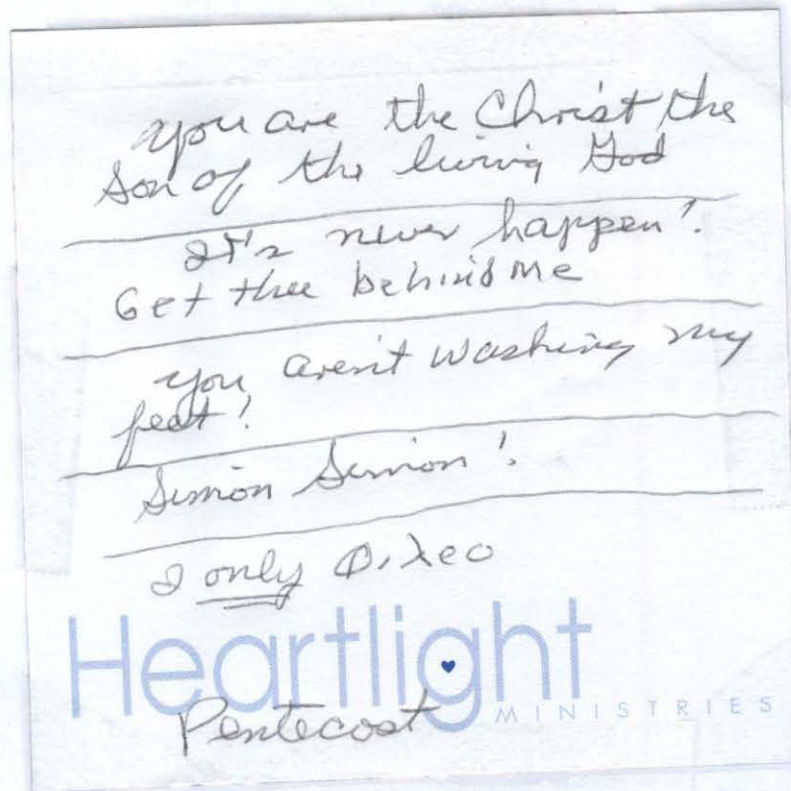
Listen, O heavens, pay attention, O earth! For the Lord speaks: "I raised children, I brought them up, but they have rebelled against me! An ox recognizes its owner, a donkey recognizes where its owner puts its food; but Israel does not recognize me, my people do not understand." The sinful nation is as good as dead, the people weighed down by evil deeds. They are offspring who do wrong, children who do wicked things. They have abandoned the Lord, and rejected the sovereign king of Israel. They are alienated from him. Why do you insist on being battered? Why do you continue to rebel? Your head has a massive wound, your whole body is weak. From the soles of your feet to your head, there is no spot that is unharmed. There are only bruises, cuts, and open wounds. They have not been cleansed or bandaged, nor have they been treated with olive oil. Your land is devastated, your cities burned with fire. Right before your eyes your crops are being destroyed by foreign invaders. They leave behind devastation and destruction. Daughter Zion is left isolated, like a hut in a vineyard, or a shelter in a cucumber field; she is a besieged city. If the Lord who leads armies had not left us some survivors, we would have quickly become like Sodom, we would have become like Gomorrah.

8. Diotrephes

3 John 9-10 (NET)

I wrote something to the church, but Diotrephes, who loves to be first among them, does not acknowledge us. Therefore, if I come, I will call attention to the deeds he is doing—the bringing of unjustified charges against us with evil words! And not being content with that, he not only refuses to welcome the brothers himself, but hinders the people who want to do so and throws them out of the church!

Satan: I will
I will
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A friend told about an experiment he had seen in a film. A large walleye pike was taken alive and placed in a huge aquarium. The water temperature and surroundings were adjusted to match the lake he was taken from. Then, buckets of live minnows were dumped in. Mr. Pike thought he was in heaven. He began rapidly swallowing these minnows.

A short while later, the researchers played a trick on the fish. They placed a large glass cylinder of water into the tank, then filled it with minnows. Mr. Pike started for the minnows again, only to bump his snout against the invisible barrier. He tried again and again and again. Finally he gave up and settled on the bottom of his "heaven" that had gone awry.

The researchers then removed the cylinder, and the minnows swam freely in the tank. But Mr. Pike never made a move for one of them. They would swim right past his face, but he never moved. He was convinced that he would never have another minnow. He finally starved, surrounded by minnows.

Have you ever thought that you may be asking God for what you already have? It is time for you to open your eyes and possess your possessions. Are you saved? Have you repented of your sin, believed upon Jesus Christ to save you, and made him Lord of your life? Then you are a member of the royal family of God with Kingdom Authority!
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A 275-pound defensive tackle exhibits brute force that can be intimidating to most people on or off a playing field. But you know what? A little man in a striped shirt half his size can blow a whistle and order him off the field. The striped shirt signals his authority, and the football player must recognize it and obey it, or he isn't allowed in the game.

Jesus has given you a striped shirt and a whistle. You have Kingdom Authority over the power of that terrible creature who bedevils the earth. It is time that you and I whistle him off the field!
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Greater is He ...
Turn over The Controls!

off in a rage saying why should I do this thing. Then the Master approaches saying "Submit for my sake, do it because I wish it. Gently remonstrate against the injustice if you will if your remonstrances are likely to avail, but if you cannot alter or amend it be content to submit. I wish it to be so. Oh do not complain, and fret and chafe against men. Tell your griefs to your king. Wait patiently for Him and He will set you free, or if not then believe that His permissions are His appointments and in bending your meek neck to the unwelcome yoke of human ordinances be sure that you are performing His good pleasure." Ours not to reason why, ours not to make reply, ours but to do and die.

- 5. The reason given for this command of submission is for the Lord's sake. What a powerful reason when we recognize the fact that the Lord for our sakes went all the way to Calvary's Cross and paid the supreme penalty of giving His life in order that it might be possible for us to have a relationship with Him that will last for all of eternity. How could it be possible that we would entertain a thought of not doing something for the Lord's sake after all He has done for us.

6. Paul speaks of this in II Corinthians 5:14, 15. Whatever we do it is certainly not for our own profit but because Christ's love controls us now. He died for all so that all who live having received eternal life for Him might live no longer for themselves to please themselves, but to spend their lives pleasing Christ who died and rose again for them.

- *6. It could be said at this point that each of these patterns we are considering together could be practiced for the Lord's sake.

Verse Fourteen: Or to governors, as those sent by Him to punish those who are doing evil and to give praise to those who are doing good.

1. Here Peter gives the chain of command of our responsibility whether it is to the king who is the supreme authority or to governors that are delegated by him to do two things. "To punish those who are doing evil" and secondly "to give praise to those who are doing good." In other words, Peter is saying that we are to be submissive to those over us in authority and not just to be submissive to the greatest authority.

Verse Fifteen: For so is the will of God that by doing good you might put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

- 1. The first reason for the command to be subject to every human institution was for the Lord's sake and now here in verse fifteen we get the second reason is for so is the will of God.
- 2. What a powerful second argument Peter uses for submission to every human institution. If it is his desire that this be done. How could it be that we as Christians would deny His will for our lives by saying no in this area.
3. What is the will of God in this case that by doing good you might put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.
4. The doing good refers back to the command of verse thirteen- to be subject to every human institution. The reason being that you might put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.

In Peter's day as well as in our own there were many who were verbalizing complaints and criticism of Christianity without having all the facts and a good rule to follow at this point is to remember that a man who does not have all the facts has no right to an opinion.

Verse Sixteen: As free and not as those who are using their freedom as a covering for evil, but as bondslaves of God.

1. Peter, how is it possible that we subject ourselves to every human institution and then you say we are free.
2. Barclay points out even the great pagan thinkers saw quite clearly that perfect liberty in fact the product of perfect obedience. Steneka said no one is free who is the slave of his body and liberty consist in obeying God. Cicero said "we are the servants of the laws that we may be able to be free". We may put it this way. Christian freedom is always conditioned by Christian responsibility.
3. It is as we submit to the authority over us that we experience true freedom.
4. In this verse once again we get a negative and a positive statement. Not as those who are using their freedom as a covering for evil, but positively as bondslaves of God.
5. Freedom provides the opportunity for us to achieve, but it also permits us to be lazy, unconcerned, and to accomplish selfish ends.
6. Rather than using your freedom this way the positive admonition of Peter is as bondslaves of God. That is as people who have no rights of their own. Those who have learned the lesson of submission to every human institution for the Lord's sake. They are as a result truly free because they have submitted to the authority over them.
7. The message of I Corinthians 6:19,20 needs to be burned into our hearts. Haven't you yet learned that your body is the home of the Holy Spirit God gave you and that he lives within you. Your own body does not belong to you for God has bought you with a great price. So use every part of you to give glory back to God because He owns it.
- *8. Paul Harvey uses a parable to illustrate how it is possible to use our freedom as a covering for evil. Once upon a time there was a little red hen who scratched about and uncovered some grains of wheat. She called her barnyard neighbors and said, "if we work together and plant this wheat we will have some fine bread to eat, who will help me plant the wheat?" "Not I" said the cow, "Not I" said the duck, "Not I" said the goose. "Then I will" said the little red hen and she did. After the wheat started growing the ground turned dry and there was no rain in sight. "Who will help me water the wheat", said the little red hen. "Not I", said the cow, "Not I", said the duck, "Not I", said the pig, "Equal rights", said the goose. "Then I will", said the little red hen, and she did. The wheat grew tall and ripened into golden grain. "Who will help me reap the wheat?" asked the little red hen. "Not I", said the cow, "Not I", said the duck, "Out of my classification" said the pig, "I'd loose my A.D.C." said the goose. "Then I will", said the little red hen, and she did.

When it came time to grind the flour - "Not I" said the cow, "I'd lose my unemployment compensation" said the duck. When it came time to bake the bread - "That's overtime for me" said the cow, "I'm a dropout and never learned how" said the duck "I'd lose my welfare benefits" said the pig, "If I'm the only one helping, that's discrimination" said the goose. "Then I will" said the little red hen, and she did. She baked five loaves of fine bread and held them up for her neighbors to see. "I want some" said the cow, "I want some" said the duck, "I want some" said the pig, "I demand my share" said the goose. "No" said the little red hen, "I can rest for a while and eat the five loaves myself". "Excess profits" cried the cow, "capitalistic leech" screamed the duck, "company fink" grunted the pig, "equal rights" screamed the goose. Then hurriedly painted picket signs and marched around the little red hen singing "We Shall Overcome" and they did. For when the farmer came to investigate the commotion he said "you must not be greedy little red hen, look at the oppressed cow, look at the disadvantaged duck, look at the underprivileged pig, look at the less fortunate goose. You are guilty of making second class citizens of them". "But...but...but...I earned the bread" said the little red hen. "Exactly", the wise farmer said. "That is the wonderful free enterprise system. Anybody in the barnyard can earn as much as he wants. You should be happy to have this freedom. In other barnyards you would have to give all five loaves to the farmer. Here you give four loaves to your suffering neighbors". And they all lived happily ever after, including the little red hen, who smiled, and smiled and clucked "I am grateful, I am grateful", but her neighbors wondered why she never baked bread anymore.

Verse Seventeen: ① Honor all men, ② be loving the brotherhood, ③ be fearing God, ④ be honoring the King.

1. Gaebelein, in commenting on this verse says "here there is what we might call a four point summary of Christian duty". Honor all men. To us this may sound like something which hardly needs to be said, but when Peter wrote this letter, it was something which was quite new. As we shall go on to see there were sixty million slaves in the Roman Empire. Everyone of them was considered in the eyes of the law to be, not a person, but a thing with no rights whatever. In effect, Peter is saying, remember the rights of human personality, remember the dignity of every man, remember that every man in this world is a person and not a thing. It is still possible to treat people as things. An employer may treat his employees as simply so many human machines for producing so much work. Of the four injunctions of this verse, this is the most amazing. For if it was really Peter who wrote this letter, then the king in question is none other than Nero. It is the Christian teaching of the New Testament that the ruler is sent by God to preserve order among men and that he must be respected even when he is a Nero.

- ① Honor, respect All Men — God so loved the world
- ② Be loving (αγαπῶ) the brotherhood
- ③ Be Fearing God, Surrender, Obedience
- ④ Be Honoring the King, (Law Abiding Obedience)

How to
Live out
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- 2. It is only as we take our position as bondslaves of God that we are able to fulfill the fourfold command of this seventeenth verse.
3. John Hunter in his book Living the Christ Filled Life, points out the whole secret of the Lord's life of service is hidden in Phillipians 2:7. See first these words, but made Himself... all things were made by Him, and the last thing He made was Himself of no reputation. He was rich, He was diety, and yet He emptied Himself of power and He stripped Himself of glory, He took the first step, He made Himself. Secondly, the verse goes on to say He was made. This means that other people did the making. His hands were off His own life. He was the one who was made. First, there must be a moment in our lives when we realize God's perfect plan of service. When we are willing to humble ourselves and to make ourselves. We must deliberately take our hands off our own lives and regardless of the consequences accept the second step of the perfect plan of God, become willing to be made. This comes as a costly challenge to every man or woman because all the glamour and the glory is gone and we are left with the chill of obedience. In a story of the prodical son in Luke 15, we can see how the two stages in the boys life are revealed in verse twelve - give me- and verse nineteen - make me. At first it was all give me. All for self. Later on as God worked in his heart, he speaks those precious words, make me. Many of us are like the son before he came to God in our service. We are "give-me" Christians. Always doing, going, getting, but Phillipians 2:7 is very clear. There are just two simple steps. Make ourselves nothing, and be made. Paul followed Christ. He said in I Corinthians 9:19,22, for though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all that I might gain the more. To the weak became I as I as weak that I might gain the weak. I am made all things to all men that I might by all means save some.

Conclusion: In Peter's Fourth Pattern we have been challenged to submit to authority, and as we are submissive to the authority over us we learn what it is to be truly free. As bondslaves of God with no rights of our own we honor all men, we love the brotherhood, we fear God and we honor the King.

Kleith Miller's prayer in Habitation of Dragons would be fitting at this time. Lord thank you that you have not called upon me to be all powerful or omnipresent, but only to be a part of a larger family; a team. Forgive me when I try to pitch, catch, hit and manage the entire team all at the same time. But help me to have enough sense and courage to play the position you have given me in this changing world, even if it is not in the big leagues. Somehow in my megalomania it is hard for me to participate when I cannot lead or when I cannot at least see the hope of solving the whole problem through my efforts. Help me to learn the value to you, of a cup of cold water where its really needed and how to use a bucket to wash some tired smelly feet without an audience.

Lessons

- ① Are You living Comfortably under His Authority?
- ② Are You Victorious in All Areas?
- ③ Being A Servant is the right use of Freedom.
- ④ Are You Fighting the Flesh in the Power of the Spirit?

Math. 11:28-30

This morning

June 7
Sunday

WORDS AND NUMBERS

READ:
John 17:20-26

I and My Father are
one. —John 10:30

THE BIBLE IN ONE YEAR:
■ 2 Chronicles 28-29
■ John 17

My husband is a “numbers” person; I am a “word” person. When my incompetence with numbers gets the best of me, I try to boost my ego by reminding Jay that word people are superior because Jesus called Himself the Word, not the Number.

Instead of trying to defend himself, Jay just smiles and goes on about his business, which consists of much more important things than my silly arguments.

Since Jay will not defend himself, I feel compelled to do so. Although I am right about Jesus being the Word, I am wrong in saying that He didn't refer to Himself as a number. One of the most moving passages of Scripture is Christ's prayer just before His arrest

and crucifixion. Facing death, Jesus prayed not only for Himself, but also for His disciples and for us. His most urgent request on our behalf involved a number: “[I pray] that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me” (John 17:21).

As people who live by the Word, we need to remember that “right words” sound hollow to the world unless we, being one in Christ, are glorifying God with one mind and one voice. —Julie Ackerman Link

*Make us one, Lord, make us one
Holy Spirit, make us one.*

*Let Your love flow so the world will know
We are one in You. —Cymbala*

God calls His children to unity.

Admiral Hyman Rickover was the head
1 Peter 2 of the United States Nuclear Navy Hyman

✱ president of the United States. Carter described his interview with Rickover this way:

We sat in a large room by ourselves for more than two hours, and he let me choose any subject I wished to discuss. Very carefully, I chose those about which I knew most at the time—current events, seamanship, music, literature, naval tactics, electronics, gunnery. Then he began to ask me a series of questions of increasing difficulty. In each instance, he soon proved that I knew relatively little about the subject I had chosen.

He always looked right into my eyes, and he never smiled. I was saturated with cold sweat. Finally, he asked a question, and I thought I could redeem myself. "How did you stand in your class at the Naval Academy?" Since I had completed my sophomore year at Georgia Tech before entering Annapolis, I had done very well, and I swelled my chest with pride and answered, "Sir, I stood fifty-ninth in a class of 820!" I sat back to wait for the congratulations, which never came. Instead, he asked this question: "Did you do your best?" I started to say, "Yes sir," but I remembered who this was and recalled several of the many times at the Academy when I could have learned more about our allies, our enemies, weapons, strategy, and so forth. I was just human. I finally gulped and said, "No, sir. I didn't always do my best."

He looked at me for a long time, and then turned his chair around to end the interview. He asked one final question, which I have never been able to forget, or to answer. He asked, "WHY NOT?" I sat there for a while, shaken, and then slowly left the room.

Throughout this chapter we see how Christians are to relate to one another and how we are to respond and relate to those who do not know Christ. This assignment is not easy. Relationships are hard work, and they require a great appreciation for the grace of God in our lives (2:2). The church has tolerated serious relationship sins within the body of Christ. Concentrating on the "big" sins, we have allowed relationship sins to go unchallenged.

We generally put all our energies into satisfying ourselves rather than living for Christ. As a result, our churches become places of pettiness and in-house fighting, and our lives reflect only hypocrisy to people outside the faith. The church has forgotten that our focus must not be on ourselves, but on God and those to whom we must minister. Without this other-directed approach, we erode the reputation of the church.

Christ has called us to model lives described with words like light and good (2:9,12). We are even to give up some of our rights, in an effort to respond well in relationships (2:13,18). This approach is vital to the

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Authority	035-06	<p>I have a friend who learned his cholesterol count was extremely high, and his doctor told him he needed to lose some weight. He went to a registered dietician, expecting to hear from her the regular pitch: watch your calories, avoid high-fat foods, start exercising, and so on. Instead, she began, "There are basic laws of the universe that you have been violating. There is an objective basis to reality, and taking care of your health is part of that reality. Either you accept and conform to the way your body functions best, or you can continue to break the laws and suffer the inevitable consequences as you are now. Your high cholesterol count is a blessing in disguise, because it's telling you that you have gone off course."</p> <p>She continued, "In order to change, you first must be very honest with yourself. You have not abided by the laws of nature, or you wouldn't be here with this cholesterol count. Then you need to change your way of thinking and get your mind in alignment with reality. Next you must get your will in alignment with the truth, too. Once you get your thinking and your will straight, then we'll talk about proper food and exercise. But unless you are willing to admit that you have been wrong and are committed to making the changes, I can't help you. It's your choice."</p> <p>p. 129</p>

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Authority	454-17	<p>Remember again the principle: We will never be over those things that God has set under us until we learn to be under those things that God has placed over us. There is strength through surrender.</p> <p>Are you under the Word of God? Is the Bible your mandate for life? Are you loving it, reading it, obeying it, and living it? Are you consciously filled with the Holy Spirit? Have you yielded every part of the temple of your body to him? Are you grieving him in any way?</p> <p>Are you graciously submitting to those human authorities that God has set over you: in the home, in the church, in civil government, and in the workplace? Have you made Jesus Christ the absolute Lord over <i>everything</i> in your life?</p> <p>p. 66</p>

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