

**Living in Exile:
“Christians in the Workplace”
I Peter 2:18-25**

I Peter 2:18-25 *Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.*

Truth #1: Be servants in the workplace.

I Peter 2:16 *Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.*

I Peter 2:18 *Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect ...*

Truth #2: Be willing to suffer injustice in the workplace.

I Peter 2:18 ... *not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.*

-It demonstrates God's grace.

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Luke 6:32-36 *“If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. And if you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to get back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return, and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High, for he is kind to the ungrateful and the evil. Be merciful, even as your Father is merciful.*

-It makes me trust God.

I Peter 2:19 *For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.*

-It allows me to live for Him.

I Peter 2:21 *For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.*

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I Peter 2:24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

Isaiah 53:3-5 He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

I Peter 2:25 For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

I Peter 2:12 ... so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.