







"Some of us speak so loud by what we do that no one can hear what we say"

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Silencing the Critics

1 Pet 2:11-20

3 Identities of Godly Living

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2) Citizens

3) Servants

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For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ; 21 who will transform the body of our humble state into conformity with the body of His glory, by the exertion of the power that He has even to subject all things to Himself Phil 3:20

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Now the deeds of the flesh are evident, which are: immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions, envying, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these,

Gal 5:19-21

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No, I beat my body and make it my slave so that after I have preached to others, I myself will not be disqualified for the prize

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Christians' Accusations

- Insurrection
- Atheism
- Cannibalism
- Immorality & Incest
- Slave Rebellion
- Hating Men

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Now the centurion, and those who were with him keeping guard over Jesus, when they saw the earthquake and the things that were happening, became very frightened and said, "Truly this was the Son of God!"

Then falling on his knees, he cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them!" Having said this, he fell asleep. Saul was in hearty agreement with putting him to death

"We are the Bibles the world is reading. We are the truths the world is needing. And we are the sermons the world is heeding."

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My son, fear the LORD and the king; Do not associate with those who are given to change, ²² For their calamity will rise suddenly, And who knows the ruin that comes from both of them?

"Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel, to all the exiles whom I have sent into exile from Jerusalem to Babylon, ⁵ 'Build houses and live in them; and plant gardens and eat their produce.

Take wives and become the fathers of sons and daughters, and take wives for your sons and give your daughters to husbands, that they may bear sons and daughters; and multiply there and do not decrease.

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

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Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. ² Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

Rom 13:1-2

For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Rom 13:3-4

Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. ⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

Rom 13:5-7



For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh, 4 for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the destruction of fortresses.

We are destroying speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and we are taking every thought captive to the obedience of Christ

Spiritual Weapons

1) Word of God

2) Prayer

And take THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God

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First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men,² for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

1 Tim 2:1

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For behold, the Lord God of hosts is going to remove from Jerusalem and Judah. Both supply and support, the whole supply of bread And the whole supply of water; ² The mighty man and the warrior, The judge and the prophet, The diviner and the elder,

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For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer for it you patiently endure it, this finds favor with God.

But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, you are blessed. AND DO NOT FEAR THEIR INTIMIDATION, AND DO NOT BE TROUBLED

1 Pet 3:14

If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests on you.

For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,