

***Living for Christ  
in a Hostile World***

***Studies in 1 Peter***

***Shining Examples -  
Christian Workers***

***1 Peter 2.18-23***

## 1. The Right Attitude towards our Boss, v18

- *good bosses are a joy to work for Ps 86.5*  
*bad bosses are a great challenge!*  
*Luke 6.32-35; Phil 2.13-16*
- *respect his/her position of authority*  
*submit = voluntary place ourselves under*
  - *Jesus exercises his authority over us*  
*through other people v13-14*
  - *a way of us learning humility 5.5*
  - *beware of self-assertiveness*
- *respect him/her as a person*  
*made in God's image*  
*worth Jesus dying for*

## 2. The Right Attitude towards Suffering, v19-20

- *if deserved, take it to heart vs20,14*
- *if undeserved, accept it in good grace v19*  
*our goal is to glorify Jesus,*  
*not defend our own reputation*

## 3. The Supreme Example of Jesus, vs21-23

- *a pattern for us to copy v21*  
*1 Cor 11.1; John 13.15*  
*not for salvation*
  - *for that, we need a Saviour v24*  
*but for sanctification vs 22-23*

### 3. The Supreme Example of Jesus, vs21-23

*no one has suffered more unjustly than Jesus*  
*misunderstood, criticised by family Mk 3.21*  
*accused of being devil-possessed Mk 3.22*  
*betrayed by close colleague Mat 27.3*  
*deserted by all his friends Mt 26.56*  
*false charges, physical abuse Mt 26.59,67*  
*abandoned by judiciary Mt 27.24*  
*tortured by executioners Mt 27.29*  
*mocked, insulted at his death Mt 27.39-41*  
*accepted responsibility for others' failings*  
*- died death sentence for others v24; 3.18*

### **3. The Supreme Example of Jesus, vs21-23**

***no one has set a better example than Jesus  
no retaliation, no threats, no insults v23***

***just a dignified silence Isaiah 53.7***

***- before High Priest Mt 26.59-63***

***Herod Lk 23.9-11***

***Pilate Mt 27.12-14***

***no threats against executioners***

***- only forgiveness Lk 23.34***

***no one has trusted his Father more than Jesus  
he placed his life and cause into his hands***

***Luke 23.46***

***and we must do the same 4.19***