

How to Honor the LORD With All of Our Heart

1 Peter 3:8-17

A. Context: The LORD honors those who honor Him

1. The LORD honors those who honor _____ because of who He is, not because of who we are.
2. Honoring the LORD is not even possible unless our _____ is rooted and grounded in Christ.
3. When it is, though, Peter's letter is filled with instructions in how to _____ our salvation, thereby honoring the LORD.

B. The LORD is honored when we honor _____ for His glory. v.8-9

1. All believers, regardless of position or status, are _____ in Christ; all are called to a life of _____ to Him within the framework of where _____ has placed each one, be that as a slave, wife, husband, etc.
2. Peter _____ this concept further by giving a short list of what is required of those who believe in God and follow Christ.
3. Jesus' followers must be of the same _____—the mind of _____ that humbles oneself and seeks the interests of others.
4. As God showed us compassion and _____ with us in Christ, so _____ must do for each other. Ephesians 4:32
5. No _____ who insults you and no _____ what has been done to you, you have a _____ to return good for evil.
6. Why? Because we have been called to _____ our Savior and receive His blessing.

C. An attitude that _____ the LORD has at the heart of it a desire for righteousness. v.10-12

1. If we really _____ life and we really want to _____ good in our lives, then we will be obedient to Christ.
2. While we do not approach _____ as a big teddy bear or as Santa Claus, we can confidently approach Him as our loving _____ when we are walking in the righteousness of Christ.
3. Obedience _____ the ears of God and _____ us the approving eyes of the LORD.
4. He desires our _____ interests, but He cannot give them to us unless we are willing to humbly _____ what is good and right in His eyes.

D. To honor the LORD with all of our heart we must honor Him as Lord ___ all of our heart. v.13-17

1. The idea of _____ is foreign to many believers today, especially in developed countries, but it has always been a _____ part of following Jesus.
2. Peter's solution to suffering is the same _____ that he offers for daily life: Sanctify or _____ Jesus as Lord in your hearts.
3. If He really is our God, then He must be given _____ control of every part of our existence.
4. When we allow Christ to be the _____ of our hearts, we can give a _____ in gentleness and respect to those who seek our destruction because we are not concerned about our own well-being, but the _____ of the LORD.
5. There is only one God who is loving and _____ our best, but He must be given full authority of our thoughts, our words, and our actions.

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- A. 1-Him, 2-faith, 3-live out, B.-others, 1-one, obedience, God, 2-unpacks, 3-mind, Christ, 4-sympathized, we, 5-matter, matter, responsibility, 6-emulate, C.-honors, 1-love, see, 2-God, Father, 3-opens, gains, 4-best, pursue D.-of, 1-suffering, necessary, 2-solution, set apart, 3-full, 4-Lord, defense, glory, 5-desiring