

## 1 Peter 2:18-25

18 Household slaves, submit to your masters with all reverence not only to the good and gentle ones but also to the cruel. 19 For it brings favor if, because of a consciousness of God, someone endures grief from suffering unjustly.

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20 For what credit is there if when you do wrong and are beaten, you endure it? But when you do what is good and suffer, if you endure it, this brings favor with God. 21 For you were called to this, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.

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22 He did not commit sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth; 23 when he was insulted, he did not insult in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten but entrusted himself to the one who judges justly.

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24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree; so that, having died to sins, we might live for righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but you have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

# The Principle

If you are a Christian, God is calling you to respond to unjust suffering without retribution, or resentment, or bitterness.

# The Power

To endure unjust suffering, we must cultivate a constant consciousness of God.

# The Practice of Enduring Unjust Suffering

Cultivate a consciousness of God by  
*following the example of Christ.*

# The Practice of Enduring Unjust Suffering

Cultivate a consciousness of God by  
*relying on the accomplishment of Christ.*



# The Practice of Enduring Unjust Suffering

Cultivate a consciousness of God by  
*resting under the shepherding and guarding of  
Christ.*