

The Ethics Of God's People

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1) Our Faith Is Deeply PERSONAL

1 Peter 2:11, *Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.*

1 Peter 1:21, *Through Him you believe in God, Who raised Him from the dead and glorified Him, and so your faith and hope are in God.*

- We Have A Different MINDSET

Philippians 3:20, *But our citizenship is in Heaven.*

- We Still Have A War To FIGHT

1 Peter 2:11, ...I urge you....to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul.

2) Our Faith Is Overtly PUBLIC

1 Peter 2:12, *Live such good lives among the pagans...*

Mark 12:28, *One of the teachers of the law came and heard them debating. Noticing that Jesus had given them a good answer, he asked Him, "Of all the commandments, which is the most important?" 29 "The most important one," answered Jesus, "is this: 'Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. 30 Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all*

your strength.’ 31 The second is this: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no commandment greater than these.”

3) Our Faith Is Going To Be ATTACKED

1 Peter 2:12, *...though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds...*

4) Our Faith Is Openly INVITATIONAL

1 Peter 2:12, *... may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day He visits us.*

Romans 13:1, *Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.*

John 19:10, *“Do You refuse to speak to me?” Pilate said. “Don’t you realize I have power either to free You or to crucify You?” 11 Jesus answered, “You would have no power over Me if it were not given to you from above. Therefore the one who handed Me over to you is guilty of a greater sin.”*