

First Peter

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a. The requirement, 2:18

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“Servants, *be* subject to *your* masters with all fear...”

Original Word: οἰκέτης

Transliteration: oiketes

Definition: a household servant.

oikētēs (from *oikos*, "house") — properly, a household-servant working for a family, implying it is done with affection and devotion. <http://biblehub.com/greek/3610.htm>

Original Word: ὑποτάσσω

Transliteration: hupotassó

Definition: I place under, subject to; mid, pass: I submit, put myself into subjection.

hypotássō (from *hypó*, "under" and *tássō*, "arrange") – properly, "*under God's arrangement*," i.e. *submitting to the Lord* (His plan). <http://biblehub.com/greek/5293.htm>

Eph. 6:5 Servants, be obedient to them that are *your* masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in singleness of your heart, as unto Christ;

6 **Not with eyeservice, as menpleasers**; but **as the servants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart**;

7 With good will doing service, **as to the Lord, and not to men**:

8 Knowing that whatsoever good thing any man doeth, the same shall he receive of the Lord, whether *he be* bond or free.

(2) Without regard to our employer's disposition,
2:18b "...not only to the good and gentle, but also
to the froward."

Original Word: ἀγαθός

Transliteration: agathos

Definition: intrinsically good, good in nature, good whether it
be seen to be so or not, the widest and most colorless of all
words with this meaning.

agathós – inherently (intrinsically) *good*; as to the believer,
(*agathós*) describes what *originates from God* and is
empowered by Him in their life, through faith.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/18.htm>

Original Word: ἐπιεικής

Transliteration: epieikés

Definition: gentle, mild, forbearing, fair, reasonable, moderate.

Properly, *equitable*; "gentle" in the sense of truly fair by relaxing *overly strict standards* in order to keep *the "spirit of the law."*

epieikés ("justice beyond ordinary justice") builds on the real *intent* (purpose) of what is really at stake (note the *epi*, "upon") – and hence, is *true equity* that appropriately fulfills the *spirit* (not just the letter) of the law.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/1933.htm>

Original Word: σκολιός

Transliteration: skolios

Definition: crooked, perverse, unfair, curved, tortuous, the froward.

Properly, crooked (bent) because *dried out* (like a piece of *parched* wood); (figuratively) morally *twisted* (warped) because lacking the oil of the Holy Spirit – hence, *unacceptable* to God (His standards); "perverse, unjust" (*Abbott-Smith*). <http://biblehub.com/greek/4646.htm>

Luke 3:5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be brought low; and the **crooked** shall be made straight, and the rough ways *shall be* made smooth;

Acts 2:40 And with many other words did he testify and exhort, saying, Save yourselves from this **untoward** generation.

Phil. 2:15 That ye may be blameless and harmless, the sons of God, without rebuke, in the midst of **a crooked** and perverse nation, among whom ye shine as lights in the world;

b. The reason, 2:19-20

(1) The persecution factor, 2:19

(a) Taking abuse for conscientious reasons,
2:19a “For this *is* thankworthy...”

Original Word: χάρις

Transliteration: charis

Definition: (a) grace, as a gift or blessing brought to man by Jesus Christ, (b) favor, (c) gratitude, thanks, (d) a favor, kindness.

Properly, *grace*. (*xáris*) is preeminently used of the Lord's *favor* – *freely extended to give Himself* away to people (because He is “always leaning toward them”).

(*xáris*) is sometimes rendered “thanks” but the core-idea is “*favor, grace*” (“*extension towards*”).]

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5485.htm>

(b) Taking abuse for contentious reasons, 2:19b
“...if a man for conscience toward God endure
grief, suffering wrongfully.”

Original Word: συνείδησις

Transliteration: suneidēsis

Definition: the conscience, a persisting notion.

syneídēsis (from *sýn*, "together *with*" and *eídō* "to know, see")
– properly, joint-knowing, i.e. *conscience* which joins moral
and spiritual consciousness as part of being created in the
divine image. Conscience (*syneídēsis*) is an *innate*
discernment, self-judging consciousness.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/4893.htm>

Original Word: πάσχω

Transliteration: paschó

Definition: I am acted upon in a certain way, either good or bad; I experience ill treatment, suffer.

pásxō (a primitive verb) – properly, to feel *heavy emotion*, especially *suffering; affected*, experiencing feeling (literally "*sensible*" = "*sensed-experience*"); "the feeling of the mind, emotion, passion" (J. Thayer).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/3958.htm>

Original Word: ἀδίκως

Transliteration: adikós

Definition: unjustly, undeservedly.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/95.htm>

(2) The provocation factor, 2:20

- (a) Suffering when we do deserve it, 2:20a “For what glory *is it*, if, when ye be buffeted for your faults, ye shall take it patiently?”

Original Word: κλέος

Transliteration: kleos

Definition: glory, fame, praise; rumor, report, credit.

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2811.htm>

Original Word: κολαφίζω

Transliteration: kolaphizó

Definition: I strike with the fist, buffet; hence: I mistreat violently.

Properly, to strike with the *fist* (literally "knuckles"); to hit hard "with the knuckles, to make the blow sting and crush . . . in 2 Cor 12:7 the idea is striking with something sharp and painful, sticking deeply in the flesh so it remains there" (R. Lenski).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/2852.htm>

Mt. 26:67 Then did they spit in his face, and **buffeted** him; and others smote *him* with the palms of their hands,

2 Cor. 12:7 And lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to **buffet** me, lest I should be exalted above measure.

Original Word: ὑπομένω

Transliteration: hupomenó

Definition: (a) I remain behind, (b) I stand my ground, show **endurance**, (c) **I endure**, bear up against, persevere, take it patiently

hypoménō – literally, *remaining under* (the load), bearing up (enduring); for the believer, this uniquely happens by *God's* power (cf. 1 Thes 3:5). (*hypomonē*).

<http://biblehub.com/greek/5278.htm>

(b) Suffering when we don't deserve it, 2:20b
“...but if, when ye do well, and suffer *for it*,
ye take it patiently, this *is* acceptable with
God.”

Jas. 1:2 My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations;

3 Knowing *this*, that the trying of your faith worketh patience.

4 But **let patience have *her* perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.**

2 Tim. 3:12 Yea, and **all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution.**

2 Tim. 2:12 **If we suffer, we shall also reign with *him*:** if we deny *him*, he also will deny us:

1 Pet. 3:17 For *it is* better, **if the will of God be** so, that ye suffer for well doing, than for evil doing.

1 Pet. 4:16 Yet **if any man suffer as a Christian, let him not be ashamed**; but let him glorify God on this behalf. ...

19 Wherefore let them that **suffer according to the will of God** commit the keeping of their souls *to him* in well doing, as unto a faithful Creator.

1 Thess. 3:1 Wherefore when we could no longer forbear, we thought it good to be left at Athens alone;

2 And sent Timotheus, our brother, and minister of God, and our fellowlabourer in the gospel of Christ, **to establish you, and to comfort you concerning your faith**:

3 That no man should be moved **by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto**.

4 For verily, when we were with you, **we told you before that we should suffer tribulation**; even as it came to pass, and ye know.

5 For this cause, when I could no longer forbear, **I sent to know your faith**, lest by some means the tempter have tempted you, and our labour be in vain.

Conclusion

Rom. 12:12 Rejoicing in hope; **patient in tribulation**; continuing instant in prayer;

Jas. 1:12 Blessed *is* the man that **endureth** temptation: for when he is tried, he shall receive the crown of life, which the Lord hath promised to them that love him.

Jas. 5:11 Behold, we count them happy which **endure**. Ye have heard of the patience of Job, and have seen the end of the Lord; that the Lord is very pitiful, and of tender mercy.

Heb. 12:2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him **endured** the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 For consider him that **endured** such contradiction of sinners against himself, lest ye be wearied and faint in your minds.