

THE CHRISTIAN IN A HOSTILE WORLD



The Call to Excellence as a Servant

By living with excellence as workers we can disarm critics and even lead others to glorify God

1 Peter 2:18-25

Introduction	Peter urges disciples not only to excellence as citizens, but also even in the difficult role of slavery. Even here, they have the opportunity to follow in the footsteps of Jesus who suffered unjustly, but did not act wrongly. Instead He placed His trust in God for deliverance and vindication.
Bible study	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Peter writes to many Christians who were slaves. How did he urge the slaves to respond to their masters? With what attitude?2. Were slaves to obey only those masters who were good and gentle? Why should they obey harsh masters as well? (v. 19-20)3. For what purpose did Peter say Christians were called?4. Of what has Christ Himself given us an example? Did he deserve this treatment?5. How did He respond when He was mistreated? Why did He do this?6. What blessings have come to disciples because of His suffering?
Discerning Principles	<ol style="list-style-type: none">7. Does the Christian have the option of disobeying a superior if his treatment is not fair or just?8. What enables the Christian to continue to do right in the face of harsh or unfair treatment?9. How can God's vindication of Jesus help us in our times of persecution?
Applying the Message	<ol style="list-style-type: none">10. Have you been treated unfairly by a superior at work? How have you responded?