

A Guide for Ministry During Medical, Social and Spiritual Pandemics

How to Raise Children of Honor in a Day of Disrespect Father's Day 6/21/20

1 **Romans 12:2** ... do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.

Some mind transforming truth:

A. God created every person and every race

Job 31:15 "Did not He who made me in the womb make him,
And the same one fashion us in the womb?"

B. Every person and race is created in the image of God

Genesis 1:26 Then God said, "Let Us make man in Our image, according to Our likeness; and let them rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over the cattle and over all the earth, and over every creeping thing that creeps on the earth."

²⁷ And God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them.

C. Every person and race is created from Adam

Acts 17:26 ... He made from one, every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined *their* appointed times, and the boundaries of their habitation...

D. Every person and race is loved by God and to be reached with the gospel

John 3:16 "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.

E. Believers from all races will be in heaven

Revelation 5:9 And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy art Thou to take the book, and to break its seals;
for Thou wast slain, and didst purchase for God with Thy blood
men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.

F. Believers from all races are one in Christ

Ephesians 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who formerly were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who made both *groups into one*, ...

G. Every person and race is to be honored

1 Peter 2:17 Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

2 **Romans 12:9** Let love be without hypocrisy.

- 3** Abhor what is evil; cling to what is good.
- 4** ¹⁰ Be devoted to one another in brotherly love; give preference to one another in honor;
¹¹ not lagging behind in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord;
- 5** ¹² rejoicing in hope, persevering in tribulation,
- 6** devoted to prayer,
- 7** ¹³ contributing to the needs of the saints, practicing hospitality.
- 8** ¹⁴ Bless those who persecute you; bless and curse not.
- 9** ¹⁵ Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.
¹⁶ Be of the same mind toward one another;
- 10** do not be haughty in mind, but associate with the lowly. Do not be wise in your own estimation.
- 11** ¹⁷ Never pay back evil for evil to anyone.
- 12** Respect what is right in the sight of all men.
- 13** ¹⁸If possible, so far as it depends on you, be at peace with all men.
- 14** ¹⁹ Never take your own revenge, beloved, but leave room for the wrath of God, for it is written,
"Vengeance is Mine, I will repay," says the Lord.
- 15** ²⁰"But if your enemy is hungry, feed him, and if he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in so doing you
will heap burning coals upon his head."
²¹ Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.
- 16** **13:1** Let every person be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority
except from God, and those which exist are established by God.
² Therefore he who resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have
opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

³ For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same;

⁴ for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath upon the one who practices evil.

⁵ Wherefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience ' sake.

17 ⁶ For because of this you also pay taxes, for *rulers* are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.

18 ⁷ Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax *is due*; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

A Similar Guide from Peter

1 Peter 2:9 ... you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for *God's* own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

¹⁰ for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

¹¹ Beloved, I urge you as aliens and strangers to abstain from fleshly lusts, which wage war against the soul.

¹² Keep your behavior excellent among the Gentiles, so that in the thing in which they slander you as evildoers, they may on account of your good deeds, as they observe *them*, glorify God in the day of visitation.

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,

¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.

¹⁶ *Act* as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but *use it* as bondslaves of God.

¹⁷ Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

¹⁸ Servants, be submissive to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are unreasonable.

¹⁹ For this *finds* favor, if for the sake of conscience toward God a man bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly.

²⁰ For what credit is there if, when you sin and are harshly treated, you endure it with patience? But if when you do what is right and suffer *for it* you patiently endure it, this *finds* favor with God.

²¹ For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps,

²² who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in His mouth;

²³ and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;

²⁴ and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed.

²⁵ For you were continually straying like sheep, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Guardian of your souls.

1 Peter 3:8 To sum up, let all be harmonious, sympathetic, brotherly, kindhearted, and humble in spirit;
⁹ not returning evil for evil, or insult for insult, but giving a blessing instead; for you were called for the very purpose that you might inherit a blessing.

¹⁰ For, "Let him who means to love life and see good days Refrain his tongue from evil and his lips from speaking guile.

¹¹ "And let him turn away from evil and do good; Let him seek peace and pursue it.

¹² "For the eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous, And His ears attend to their prayer, But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil."

¹³ And who is there to harm you if you prove zealous for what is good?

¹⁴ But even if you should suffer for the sake of righteousness, *you are* blessed. And do not fear their intimidation, and do not be troubled,

¹⁵ but sanctify Christ as Lord in your hearts, *always being* ready to make a defense to everyone who asks you to give an account for the hope that is in you, yet with gentleness and reverence;

¹⁶ and keep a good conscience so that in the thing in which you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame.

¹⁷ For it is better, if God should will it so, that you suffer for doing what is right rather than for doing what is wrong.