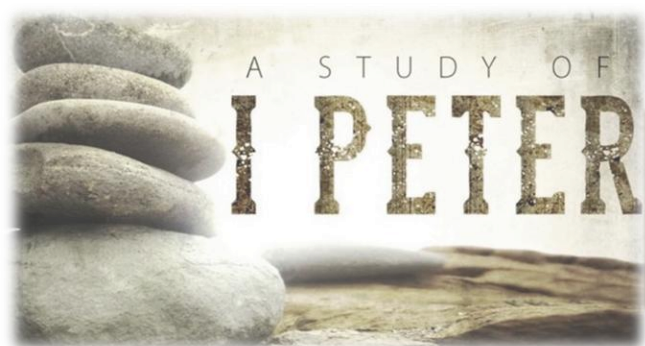


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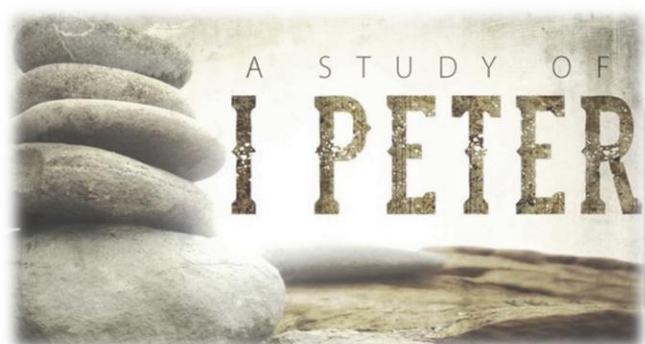
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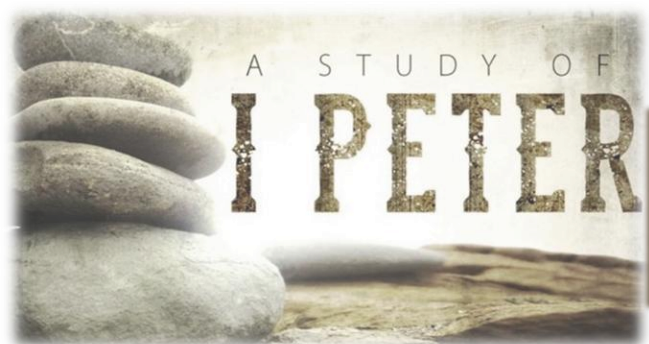
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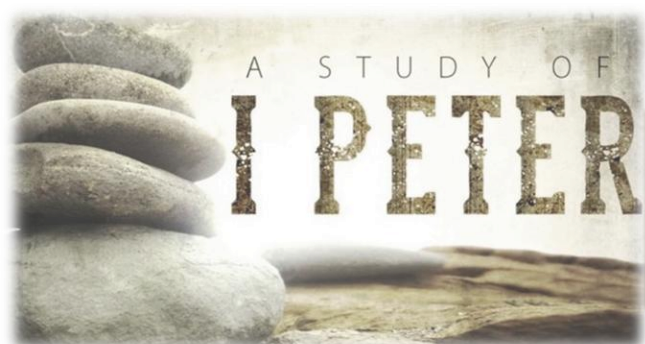
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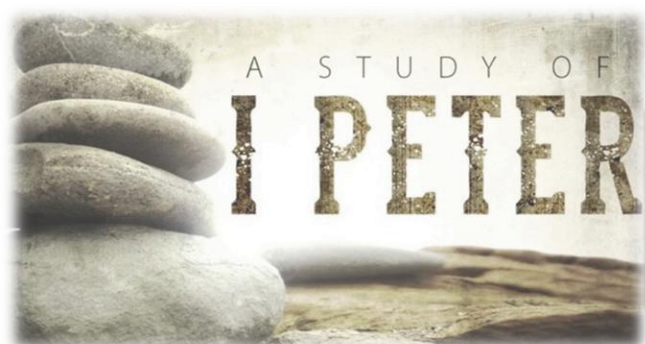
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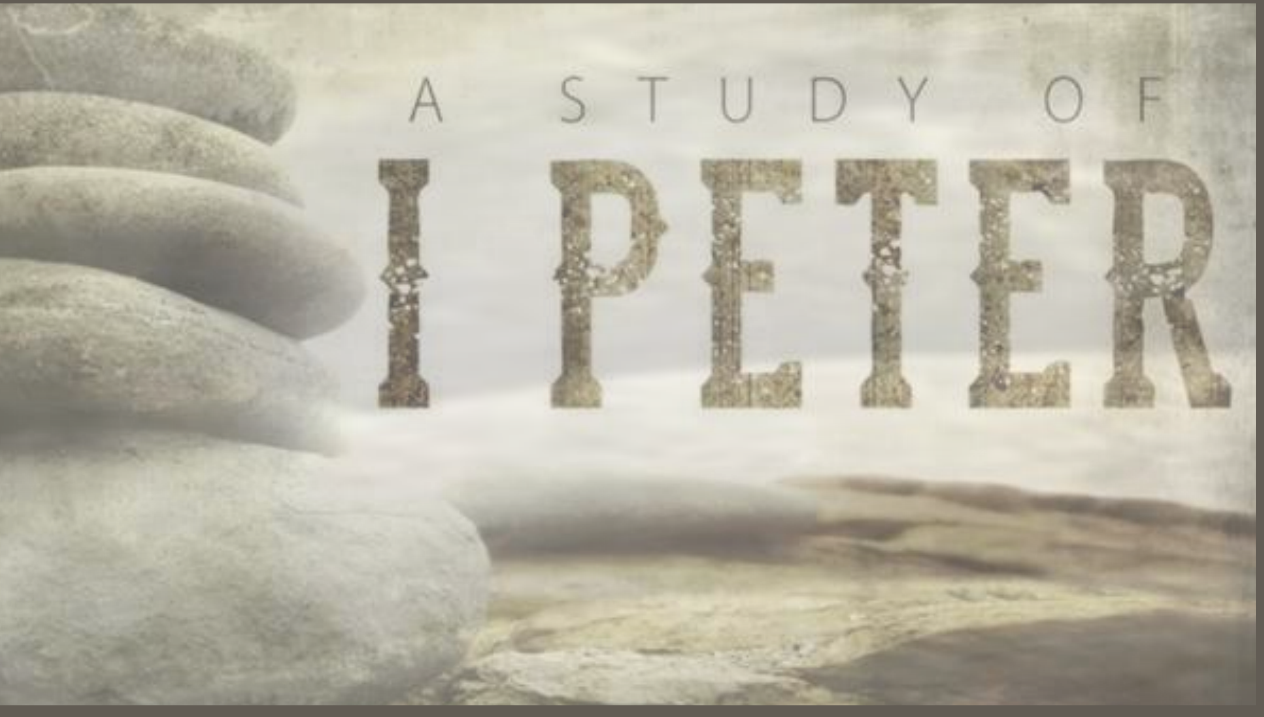


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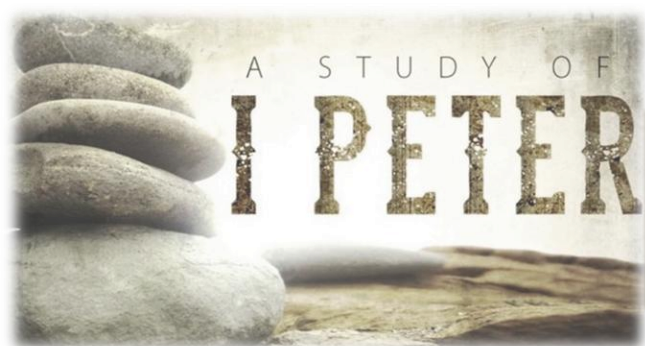


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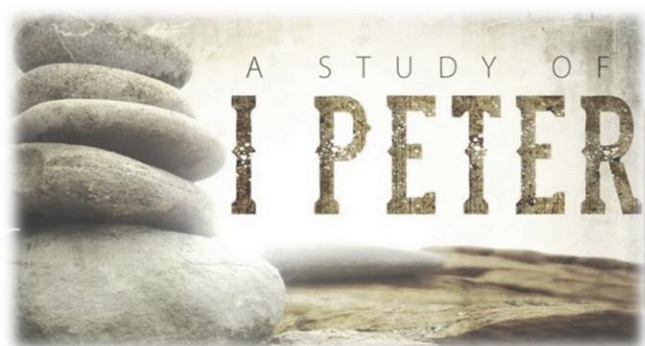
I should live a good life because I represent Christ in
this world.

In the same way, let your light shine before others, **that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.**



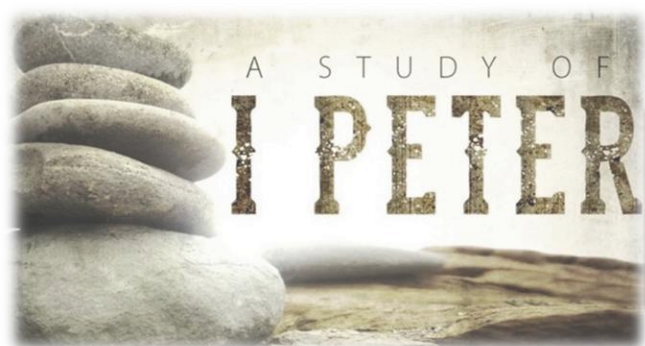
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Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ.



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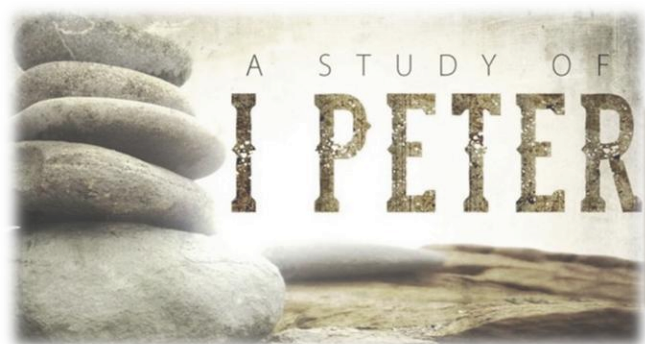
Therefore I urge you to imitate me.



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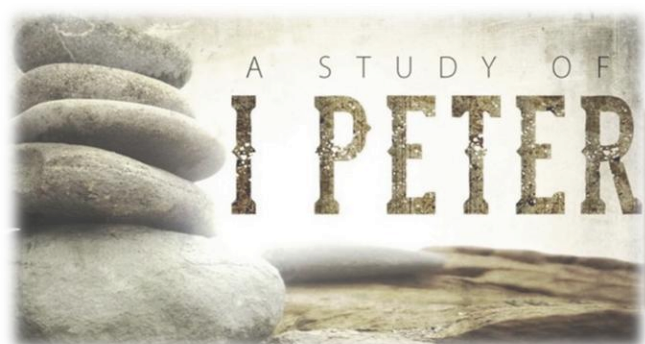
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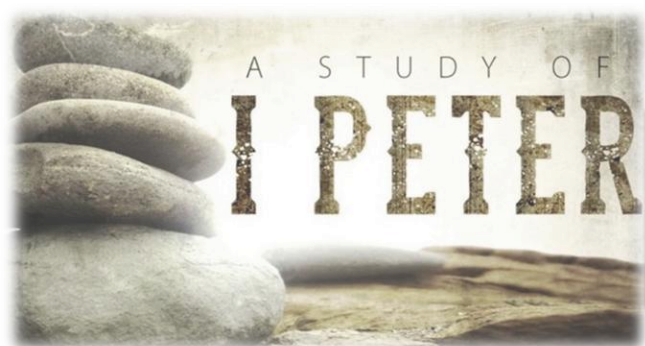
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keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander.



1 Peter 3:16 (NIV)

Church Is

I will not expect my church to be perfect

I am a church member:

I realize that the church is made up of people who are not perfect, so the church will not be perfect. I am a work in progress and so is the person sitting next to me. God is working in all our lives to make us more like Jesus, so I will be patient and show others the grace God has shown me.

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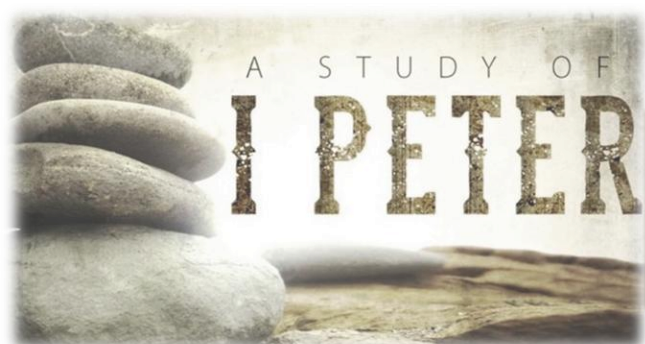
I will be a source of unity in my church

I am a church member:

I understand that Jesus said the world needs to see that we are one so they will believe the message of the cross of Christ. I may have different preferences, but I am willing to focus on what we have in common instead of our differences.

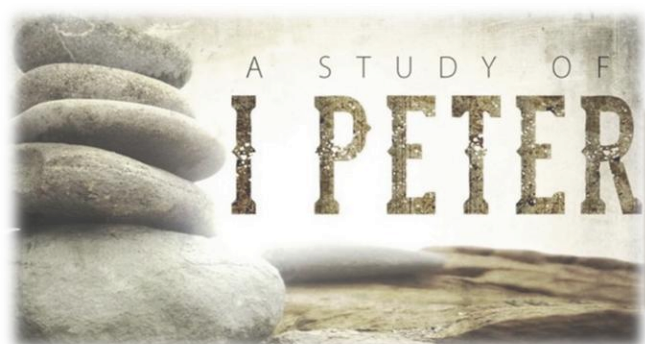


By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”



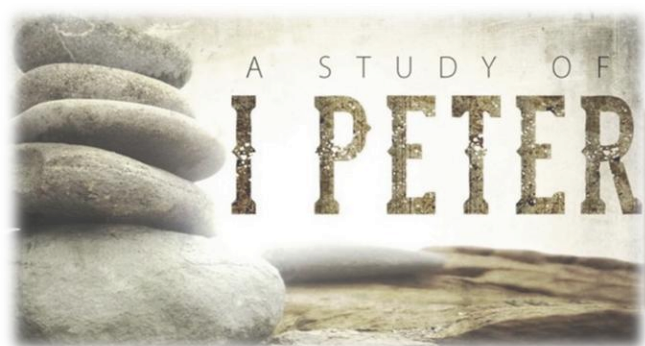
John 13:35 (NIV)

that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me. I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to **complete unity.**

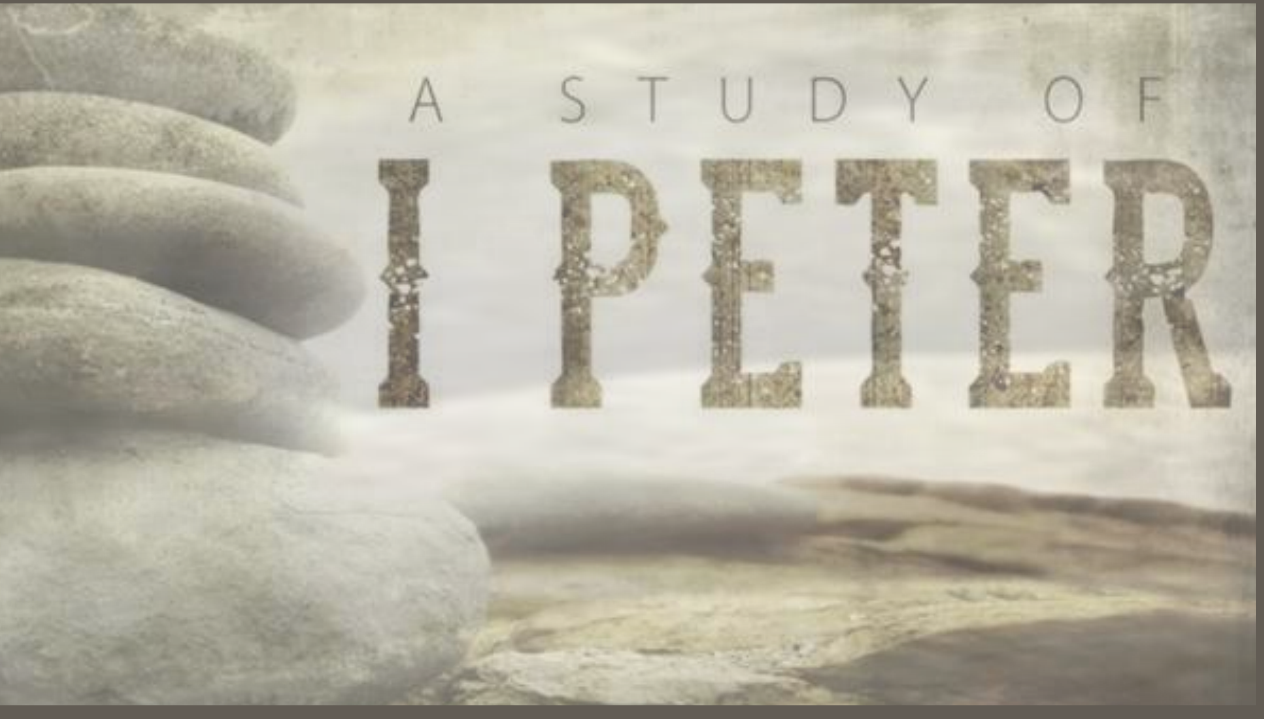


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Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.



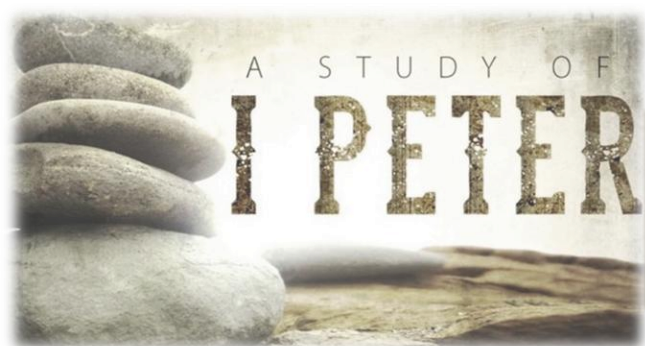
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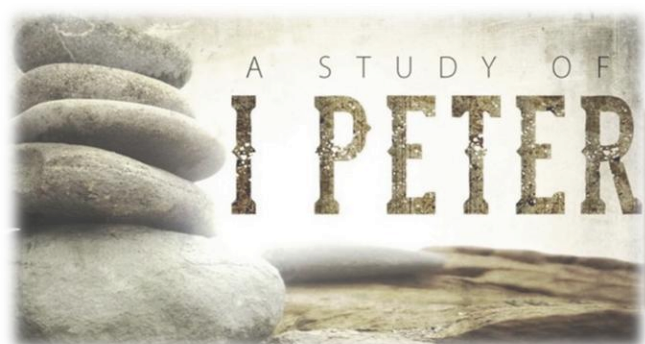
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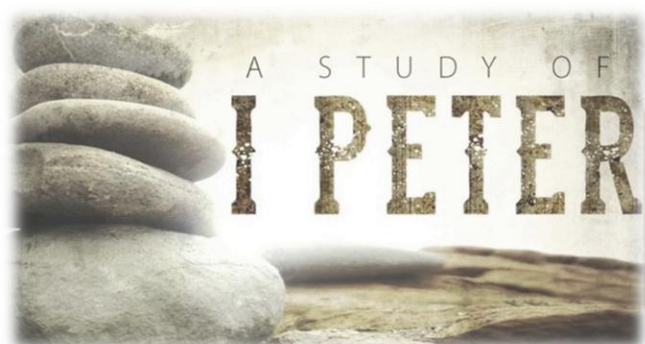
Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.

So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.



Romans 13:1–7 (NLT)

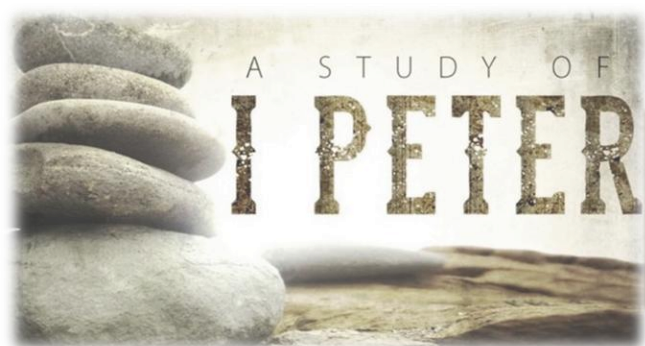
For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.




Romans 13:1–7 (NLT)

So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience. Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do.

Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

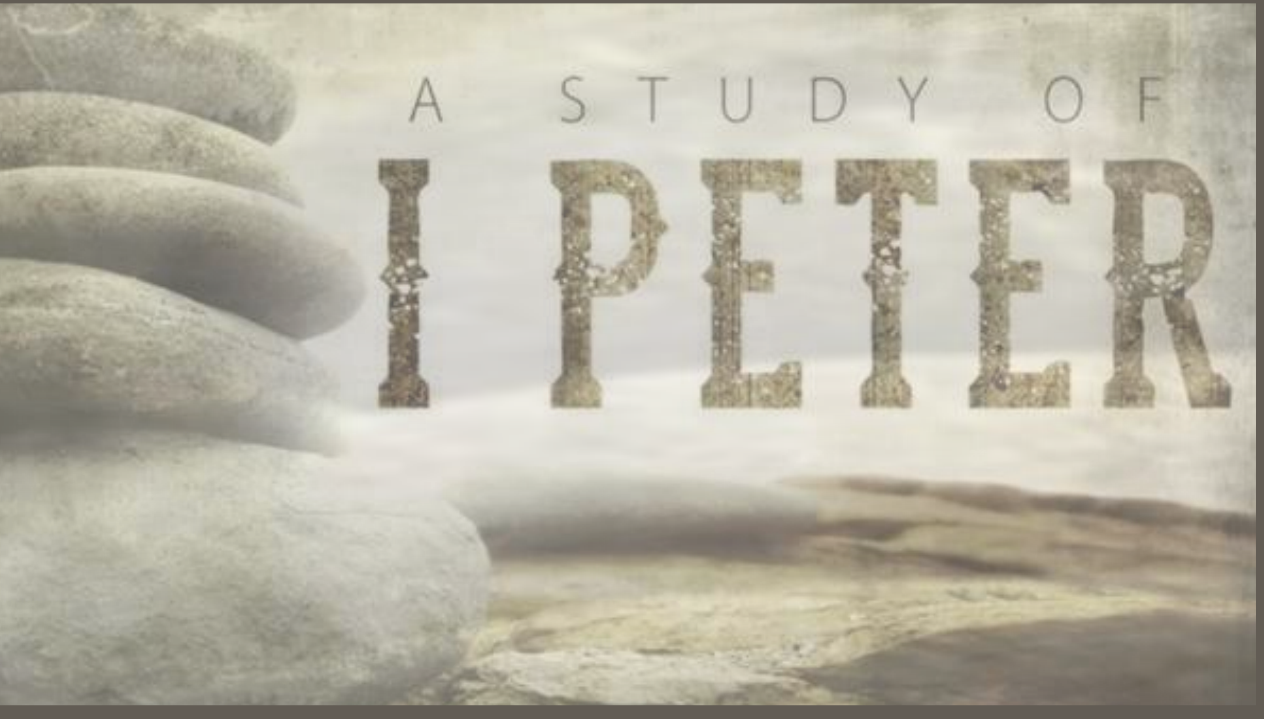


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As much as possible, we should seek to cooperate with the government and obey the law; but we must never allow the law to make us violate our conscience or disobey God's Word.

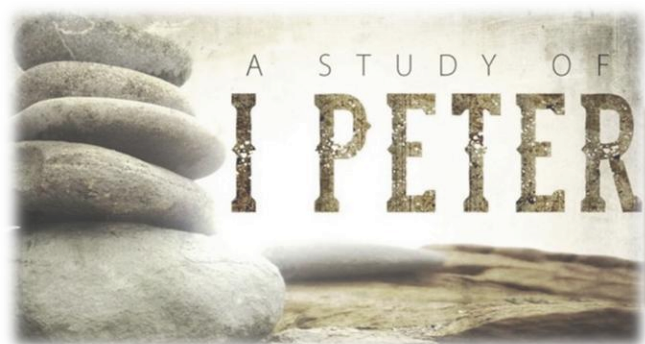
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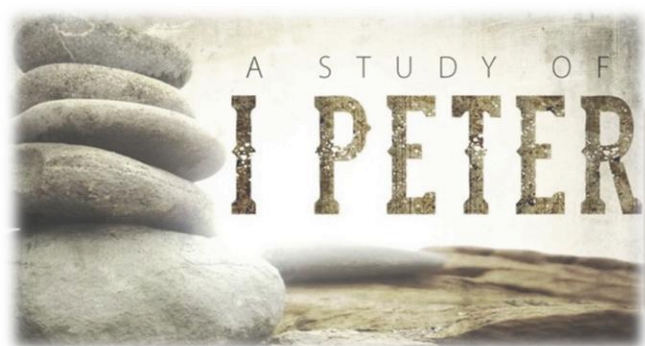
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Rebellion is as sinful as witchcraft, and stubbornness as bad as worshiping idols. So because you have rejected the command of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”




1 Samuel 15:22–23 (NLT)

Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.



Proverbs 22:6 (NIV)

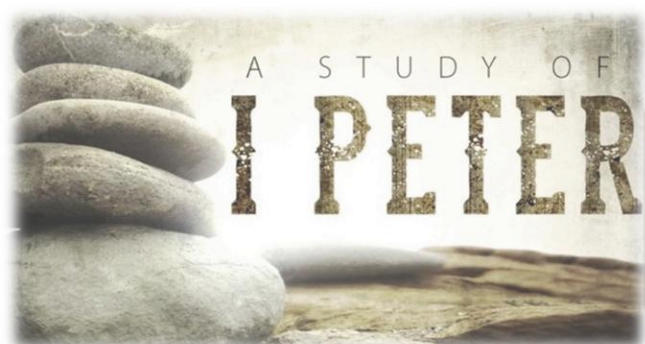


If your children aren't taught to obey/respect the authority in their lives – YOU, they are learning to disrespect every other authority in their lives.

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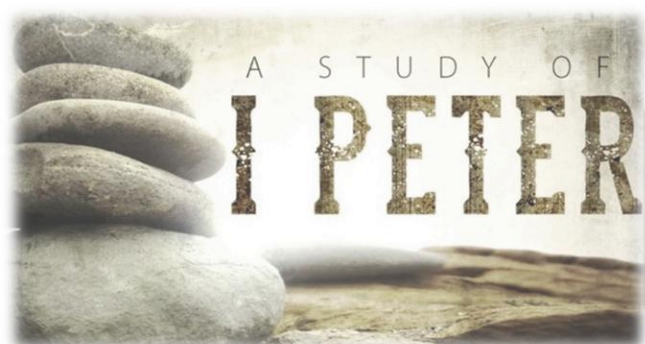
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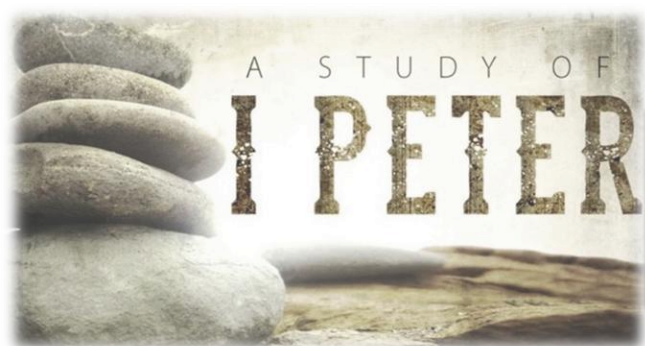


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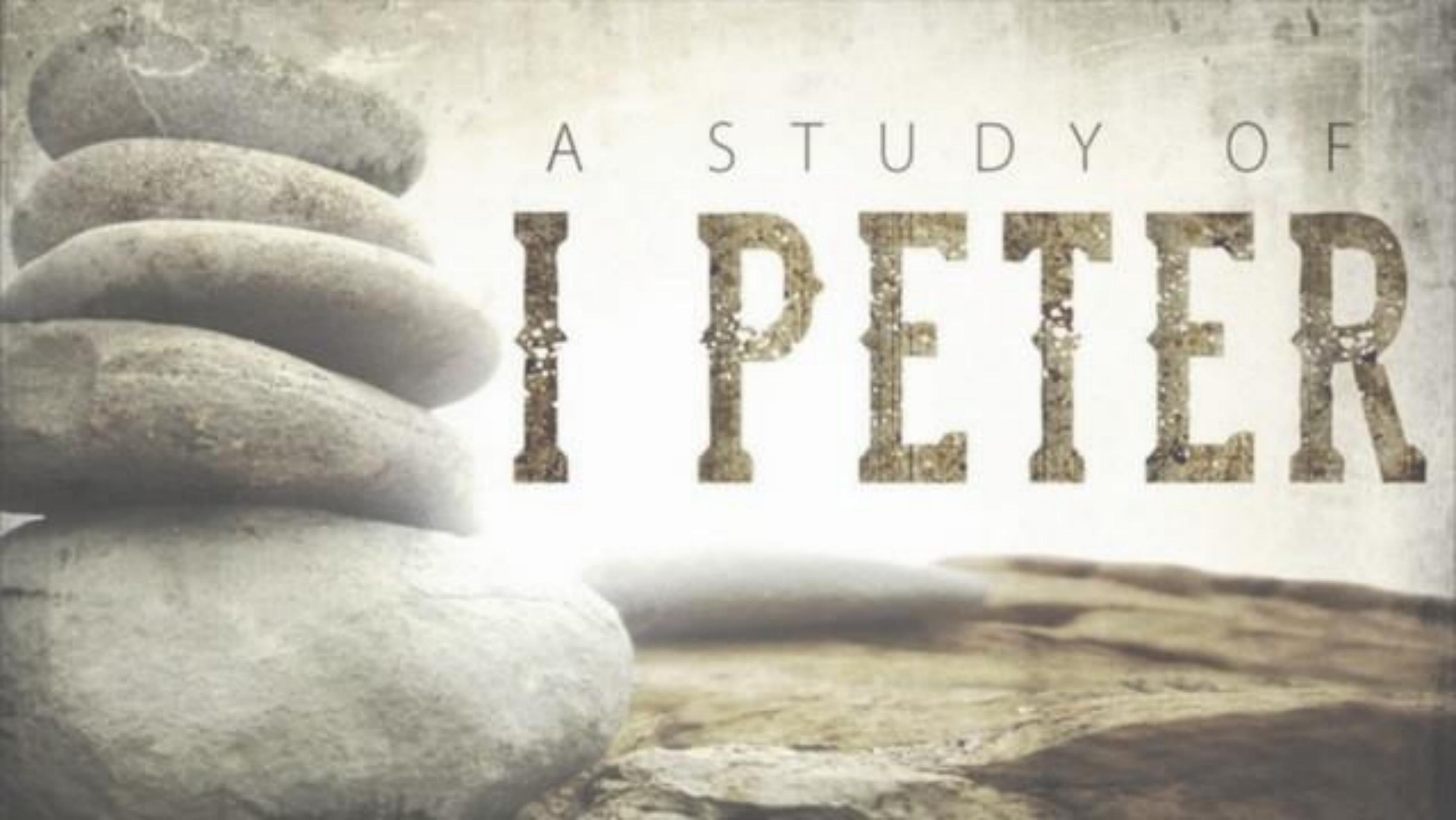
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