

The High Road

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1 Peter 3:8-22

Always take the higher road. This advice often comes to mind when I am at a crossroads in leading or being led. This is the place to start if we want to follow Peter's advice.

When in doubt about someone's intentions, we take the high road by believing the best about them. We take the high road by going to the source of inappropriate comments or misunderstandings to uncover the truth of the matter. This is often the best way to avoid adding insult to insult. I know from experience how easily an innocent comment can be misinterpreted. Been there, done that!

We also take the high road by setting a Christ-like example through our own words and actions. Peter encourages us to "Always be prepared . . . to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect, keeping a clear conscience, so that those who speak maliciously against your good behavior in Christ may be ashamed of their slander" (vs. 15-16).

By continually offering the high road to others, we demonstrate integrity. Eventually, they may even offer the same to us.

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