

SUBMISSION TO CIVIL AUTHORITY  
(1 Peter 2:13-17)

- I. The COMMAND for Submission (1 Pet. 2:13*a*)
  - A. Accept a SUBORDINATE role under a LEADER
  - B. Does not depend on the CHARACTER of the AUTHORITY
  
- II. The MOTIVE for Submission (1 Pet. 2:13*b*)
  - A. To HONOR God's own SOVEREIGNTY
  - B. To ENHANCE Christ's REPUTATION
  - C. To IMITATE Christ's EXAMPLE
  
- III. The EXTENT of Submission (1 Pet. 2:13*c*-14)
  - A. Encompasses EVERY human INSTITUTION
    - 1. Including KINGS
    - 2. Includes all "GOVERNORS" sent by the KING
  - B. Supports the God-ordained PURPOSES of GOVERNMENT
    - 1. To PUNISH those who do EVIL

2. To PRAISE those who do RIGHT

IV. The REASON for Submission (1 Pet. 2:15)

- A. It is the WILL of GOD
- B. To SILENCE the FOOLISH by our doing RIGHT

V. The ATTITUDE of Submission (1 Pet. 2:16)

- A. Act as "FREE MEN"
- B. Do not use your freedom as a VEIL for EVIL
- C. But use it as BONDSLAVES of GOD

VI. The APPLICATION of Submission (1 Pet. 2:17)

- A. Our responsibility to PEOPLE
  - 1. Honor EVERYONE
  - 2. Love the BROTHERHOOD
- B. Our responsibility to AUTHORITY
  - 1. Fear GOD
  - 2. Honor the KING