

Mature: Submission and Respect For Authority

1 Peter 2:13-20

- I. Maturity Is Demonstrated In A Willingness To Submit (13-15)
 - A. Submission to every “human institution”
 - B. Not for our sake – but rather for the glory of God
 - C. Brief – purpose of government
 - D. Being good citizens silences gospel critics
- II. Maturity Understands The Balance of Personal Freedom and Restriction (16-17)
 - A. We are free – but not indiscriminately so
 - B. The fourfold reality
 - 1. Honor all people – image bearers
 - 2. Love the brotherhood – a special affection for the members of Christ
 - 3. Fear God – the proper reverence and awe of the one that is our true authority and king
 - 4. Honor the king – proper respect and submission to earthly authority
- III. Maturity Embraces Proper Submission, Even In The Midst of Suffering (18-20)
 - A. Proper submission to the person responsible for your financial gain and well-being
 - B. Not just when it is convenient
 - C. It finds favor with God to suffer unjustly – most like Jesus