

I PETER 2:18-20

Intro: Continuing his discussion on *submission, Peter moves on to the submission of the servants to their master. In present-day America, this would be more applicable to the employer/employee relationship.

[*Submission-the _____ act of yielding yourself and your actions to the control of another.

Examples: Believers to God and His Word; marriage partners to each other; children to parents; citizens to government; etc.]. When reading passages in Scripture about submitting to another _____ we must remember that it was God who inspired the writers to write what they did.

- I. Servant's _____ to their master **Vs 18**
- A. **Servants**-these people addressed here were those who lived and worked in the same quarters that the master lived, household servants in the employment of the one in whose home they resided.
- B. **Be subject**-display an _____ behavior that is complimentary of a _____.
1. **To your masters**-to those who have _____ over you, whether it be the head of the family or his appointed master.
2. **With all fear**-_____ and submission
- C. Subjection to their master had no _____ **Vs 18b**
1. **Not only to the good and gentle**-those who were considerate, and _____
2. **But also to the forward**-those who were inconsiderate and _____
- II. Peter and the Lord's reasoning for the counsel just given **Vs 19-20**
- A. Peter does not even address subjection to those who are "_____ and gentle"
- B. Peter addresses subjection to the "forward", those who are evil and _____ **Vs 19**
1. **Thankworthy**- literally "a display of divine _____"
a. A _____ found in one obedient to the Lord
b. A _____ that only God can place inside a person's heart
2. **If a man for conscience toward God**
a. If one _____ God so highly and is desirous to bring glory to Him
b. He is consciously aware of God's _____ in the difficulty
c. He remembers the Biblical _____ of **Romans 8:28-29**
d. He practices the Biblical _____ of **Romans 12:1-2**
3. **Endure grief, suffering wrongfully**
a. **Endure grief**
(1) **Endure**-to bear up under the load of something without looking for a way of _____.
(2) **Grief**- sorrow, emotional suffering, annoyance, _____
b. **Suffering wrongfully**
(1) **Suffering**-being afflicted, and thus causing discomfort in varying _____
(2) **Wrongfully**-unjustified, and _____
- C. Peter gives the Biblical principles for suffering that is _____ and undeserved **Vs 20**
1. There is no glory and honor when we receive patiently what we get for our _____
a. **Buffeted**-to be hit with the fist, severe punishment
b. **Faults**-Gk. ham-ar-tan'-o (AV-sin 38, trespass 3, offend 1, for your faults 1)
(1) To miss the _____
(2) To err or _____ from the correct path
c. **Patiently**-to endure and not retaliate _____ the harsh and unfair treatment of another person

2. There is glory and praise when we accept patiently mistreatment we do not _____ for doing good
- a. **But if**-If and _____ this does occur
 - b. **When ye do well**-have **not** done anything _____ or incorrect, instead _____ have done what you were supposed to do correctly and _____
 - c. **And suffer for it**-are treated as though you were _____ of doing wrong
 - d. **Ye take it patiently**-you receive the abusive reaction of the one in authority over you with endurance and brave _____
 - e. **This is acceptable with God**- it is that which is _____ to him, or with _____ which he is _____.

Concl: It extremely difficult to _____ the mistreatment received from other people. **It is not our nature to keep our mouth shut.** We may not say anything to the "abuser", but we will often voice our disgust to someone else. Peter's principle is that we _____ to take the abuse and leave it with the Lord-a quality that is only found in those who are truly _____ to God and his Word-"a man for conscience toward God" Vs 19.