

"Doing the Right Thing – No Matter What!"  
I Peter 2:13-25  
June 10, 2012

1. Do good! – Be submissive to authority.

*"Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution." (13a)*

*"For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people." (15)*

2. Live free! – Be submissive to God.

*"Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God." (16)*

3. Give honor! – Be submissive to the good and the bad.

*"Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood...honor the emperor. Servants be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust." (17-18)*

**WHY?**

Because as Christ-followers we are committed to following His example! (20-25)

**Application:**

1. In what areas of your life do you need to practice a submissive spirit? Why is this difficult?
2. As you follow the example of Christ, what response did He have in times of suffering that you need to have?

Bible Study Questions/ Discussion  
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1. Discuss your thoughts about "submission." Is it difficult for you? Why? Share a time when submission was a challenge for you. Peter's personality was not a "submissive" type personality. Discuss why "submission" is an important lesson to learn.
2. What does Peter say about submission? (I Pet. 2:13) What kind of government did Peter have over him? What did Jesus say about submission to the government? (Matt. 22:21) What benefit is there with submission? (I Peter 2:15; I Tim. 2:2; Phil.2:14-15; Matt. 5:14-16) Who are really submitting to? (Rom. 13:1) What does Peter mean when he says "for the Lord's sake?" (I Pet. 2:13)
3. Submission from a Biblical perspective is really a lifestyle of freedom. (I Peter 2:16) We choose to live in submission but we know that it is not about the government, etc. but it is about following the Lord. Review how Jesus has set us "free."
  - Free from \_\_\_\_\_ . (Rom. 8:1)
  - Free from eternal \_\_\_\_\_ . (Rom. 6:23)
  - Free from Satan's \_\_\_\_\_ .(Col. 1:13)
  - Free from the power of \_\_\_\_\_ .(I Cor. 15:54-56)
  - Free from the guilt of the \_\_\_\_\_ . (2 Cor. 5:17)
4. Peter reminds his readers to be submissive to the good and the bad. (17-18) What kind of exceptions do we put on our willingness to submit? What does it mean to honor everyone? (17) (Rom. 13:7) Submission does not mean...putting up with abuse, going along with sin, ignoring truth. Discuss some of the possible exceptions. What does it mean to "appeal to authority?"
5. What is the number one motivation or reason for submission? (I Pet. 2:21) Discuss the example of Christ.
  - No sin! (22)
  - No deceit! (22)
  - No verbal attacks! (23)
  - No threats! (23)
6. What was the motivation of Christ? (24) In whom did He trust, while He was being mistreated? (23) What are the two descriptive words of the Lord that help us in our attitude? (25) How has the Lord healed your heart, your relationships, and your attitudes? (24)
7. Pray for one another to be submissive to the Lord, as we are submissive to those over us. Pray for our nation and its leaders.