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I PETER 2:13-17

THAT UNPLEASANT SUBJECT...

SUBMISSION!

WHY IS SUBMISSION SO HARD??

Pride
Selfishness
Fear!

REMEMBER... SUBMISSION DOES NOT IMPLY INFERIORITY!!!

WHY IS GOD SO INSISTENT ON IT?

We are in "relationship" with others
Submission ⇔ heart of humility!
Submission is required of leaders!
Submission helps "break" our selfish,
stubborn, rebellious will.

The Christian's Submission to Government Context:

Their "ruler" was...NERO!!!

So these instructions are NOT dependent upon the "character" of the ruler, or whether we "agree" with him or not.

The Christian's Submission to Government

The Command of Submission:

- The "Direction" of the Command: "Submit YOURSELVES!"
- The Basis For The Command: "For the Lord's sake!"

The Christian's Submission to Government The Extent of The Submission:

- The Statement of the Extent: "to every human institution."
- The elaboration of the Extent:
 - √ Kings
 - ✓ Governors

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The Reasons For Submission...

- For the Lord's Sake, 13.
- To avoid punishment, 14.
- To merit praise, 14.
- For conscience' sake, Romans 13:5
- Because it is part of doing the will of God, 15.
- To silence the ignorant slander of foolish men, 15.

The Christian's Submission to Government Don't JUST Be in Submission to them...

PRAY FOR THEM!!! | I Timothy 2:1-4

REMEMBER OUR PRIME EXAMPLE OF HUMILITY AND SUBMISSION...

The Lord Jesus Christ!

Philippians 2:5-8; I Peter 2:23; Hebrews 10:7-9; 5:8



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