

I PETER
HOLY AND
HOPE-FILLED LIVING
IN A HOSTILE WORLD

I PETER 2:13-17

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake
to every human institution,
whether to a king
as the one in authority,
or to governors as sent by him
for the punishment of evildoers
and the praise of those who do right.

For such is the will of God
that by doing right you may
silence the ignorance of foolish men.

Act as free men,
and do not use your freedom
as a covering for evil,
but *use it* as bondslaves of God.

Honor all people,
love the brotherhood,
fear God,
honor the king.

SUBMISSION!

WHY IS SUBMISSION SO HARD??

Pride

Selfishness

Fear!

WHY IS GOD SO INSISTENT ON IT?

We are in “relationship” with others

Submission \Leftrightarrow heart of humility!

Submission is required of leaders!

Submission helps “break” our selfish,
stubborn, rebellious will.

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

Random Observations about Submission:

When a person is being submissive...

- they have opinions and are free to express them, but they will yield their preferences to the desires, preferences, and needs of another, or the group.
- they will discuss options freely, but will strongly support the decision of the group or of the person in authority.

Random Observations about Submission:

When a person is being submissive...

- They can disagree without being disagreeable. It is not threatening or dangerous to have a disagreement with a person who is submissive.
- there will be joyful cooperation, not grudging, resentful compliance.

Random Observations about Submission:

When a person is being submissive...

- they do not keep track of how often they "give in" versus how often they "get their way."
- they will not yield on matters of morality, obedience to God, or Biblical directive. They maintain their submission to God as of primary importance.

PRACTICAL APPLICATIONS OF SUBMISSION: 1 Peter 2:16-17

Concerning Yourself: **Act as free men!**

Two “Qualifications”:

1. **“Not as a covering for evil”**
2. **“As bondslaves of God!”**

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Concerning Others:

- Honor all people!
- Love “the Brotherhood”

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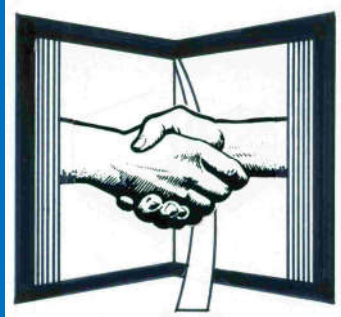
Concerning Authority:

- Fear God
- Honor the King!

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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