



1 Peter

Submitting to Authority

Session 4

Peter is reminding us that everything we do should be for the glory of the Lord and the good of His kingdom, but Peter is being careful to point out that Christians in society are representatives of Jesus Christ. It's our responsibility to advertise God's virtues. It's especially true when it comes to our relationship with government and people in authority.

Read 1 Peter 2:13-15

Be subject. "Subject" is a military term meaning to "arrange in military fashion under a commander", to put oneself in an attitude of submission.

Question: We are to be God's people, to live in a humble and submissive way. Do we only do that when we agree with who our leader is under or when we have preference of our political leader?

Question: Are there areas of civil government in which a Christian has a right to stand up against government when it goes against God's law? (See Acts 4:18-20, 5:28-29)

Silence and foolish people. Silence is the right position of submission when authority is working out of ignorance.

Question: Give a time you chose silence in which it did more good.

Honor: Means to highly esteem. It is referenced here that it's not only out of obedience, but is with inner respect.

Question: Give an example of a position of authority that is called to highly esteem that person.

Read 1 Peter 2:18-25

Peter is telling his reader to show respect to their masters. For us it is an employee to an employer.

Question: Do you show that respect only when that person is around? Do you respect that time when you're at work with other areas of social media or with other work areas of your life?

Question: How do you handle those times when you think you haven't been treated fairly?

Assignment: Evaluate your outlook at your work place. Are you glorifying God in your talents and your attitude?

Next week: 1 Peter 3:1-7

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