

“Submit for the Lord’s Sake”

1. Read 1 Peter 2:13–17. Do you think Peter’s instructions have any relevance in our democratic society? In your work, school, or community, are you under anyone’s authority? Try to re-phrase this passage for your own specific setting.

2. Tell of a time when it was difficult for you to submit to the authority of another. At the time, were you conscious of submitting “for the Lord’s sake”?

What was the outcome? What was the connection between submitting to that human and serving the Lord?

3. Read 1 Peter 2:18–25. “Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters” (v 18). Compare Romans 13:1, “The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Do you think these passages teach that God desires a hierarchical structure in society? Why, or why not?

Does this passage rule out Christians advocating for the rights of the powerless? Can you give a principle or an example from Scripture that supports your answer?

Recurring Questions

- » How have you seen God working in your life or the lives of those around you this week?

- » What prayer requests would you like to share with the group, including prayer for any spiritual struggles you may be experiencing?