

Series: Relationship Reset
Title: Relationship with the Government
Scripture: 1 Peter 2:13-17
Blurb: How should we relate to our government?
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How does _____ want _____ to relate to your government?

1 Peter 2:13-15 ESV

13 Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

1. For _____ sake, _____.

Submission is a choice and a gift you willingly give to honor another who has been given responsibility over you.

Romans 13:1 ESV

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

God has put _____ authority in place.

Government restrains evil and encourages good.

If Governmental submission means disobedience to God, you submit to God's higher authority.

What is God's will?

1 Peter 2:15 ESV

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Do good.

Instead of our first question being “how can I get the government to do good,” it should be “where can I do good?”

Do justice, live justly, even when you are being treated unjustly.

When you submit for heaven’s sake, it lays the _____ for cultural _____.

2. For freedom’s sake, _____.

1 Peter 2:16-17 ESV

16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

Galatians 5:1 ESV

For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

Fake freedom, serving _____.

Fake Freedom in _____

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Just because you’re _____ to, doesn’t mean you _____ do.

Philippians 3:20 ESV

But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

1 Peter 2:9-10 ESV

9 But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10 Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received. mercy.

True freedom is _____ for _____.

1 Peter 2:16 ESV

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

1 Peter 2:17 ESV

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

**As God fearing citizens of _____, _____
and love all by doing _____.**

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