

Submission to Governmental Authorities

1 Peter 2:13-17

REMINDER OF CONTEXT: 1 Peter 2:10-12

10 Once you were not a people, but now _____; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

11 Dear friends, I urge you as strangers and exiles to abstain from sinful desires that wage war against the soul. 12 Conduct yourselves _____ among the Gentiles, so that when they slander you as evildoers, they will observe your _____ and will _____ on the day he visits.

It is BECAUSE we are _____ that we seek _____ and _____!

It is EXTREMELY important that we NOT Approach this text with an idea or mind towards justifying our rebellion against or disdain for the God-ordained authority over us, even if it is unrighteous.

KEY DEFINITION:

Submit yourselves - (phrase)

- to arrange under, to _____
- To _____, put in subjection
- to subject one's self, _____
- to submit to one's _____

I. **Submission _____ - v. 13-14**
Romans 13:1-2
1 Timothy 6:1

II. **Submission _____ - 15**
For it is _____ that you silence the ignorance of foolish people by _____.

Not with _____

Romans 12:19-21

19 Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay, says the Lord.

20 But if your enemy is hungry, _____.

If he is thirsty, give him something to _____.

For in so doing you will be heaping fiery coals on his head.

21 Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with _____.

III. Submission Shows our _____ - 16-17

16 *Submit as free people, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God's slaves.*

17 **Honor** _____. *Love the brothers and sisters. Fear God. Honor the emperor.*

Nero was trying to kill these folks, the gov't was full of evil people. Why would they still pay taxes to such an evil guy? It's an illogical and counterintuitive, but it's possible because we are _____.

John 8:34-36

34 *Jesus responded, "Truly I tell you, everyone who commits sin is a slave of sin.*

35 *A _____ does not remain in the household forever, but a _____ does remain forever.*

36 *So if the Son sets you free, you really will be free.*

Romans 6:16

16 *Don't you know that if you offer yourselves to someone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of that one you obey—either of sin leading to death or of obedience leading to righteousness?*

17 *But thank God that, although you used to be slaves of sin, you _____ from the heart that pattern of teaching to which you were handed over,*

18 *and having been set free from sin, you _____ to righteousness.*