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Why Should I Submit

(A Living Hope, part 4)

1 Peter 2:13-25

Three reasons that Christians should submit to authorities:

1. Believers Should Submit to Authorities

to _____ (vs 13-14)

(Romans 13:1-2, 1 Samuel 26:9-11, Romans 13:2)

God established authorities/leadership for two reasons:

1. To _____
2. To _____

(Romans 13:4, 1 Timothy 2:1-2)

Principle: I will seek to honour God by honouring the authorities he places in my life.

2. Believers Submit to Authorities for

_____ (vs 15)

(Romans 12:19-21)

Principle: I will trust the Lord by submitting to authority for the sake of the gospel of Jesus Christ.

3. Believers Should Submit _____

_____ (vs 16-17)

(John 8:34-36, Romans 8:7)

How can we do this?

1. Choose to _____
2. Give yourself to _____

Principle: I will choose to forgive and obey, and in my freedom in Christ, I can submit to the authority He has placed in my life.

Have you submitted first to His authority?

1 Peter 2:13-25

¹³Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, ¹⁴or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. ¹⁵For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men— ¹⁶as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. ¹⁷Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.

¹⁸Servants, be submissive to your masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. ¹⁹For this is commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully. ²⁰For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God.

²¹For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: ²²Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";

²³who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; ²⁴who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— by whose stripes you were healed. ²⁵For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.