

I PETER 2:13-16

Intro: Peter turns the attention of the recipients of his letter to the topic of _____.

I. Submission is a _____ matter and commitment Vs 13a

A. Submit _____

1. **Submit**-to hold back one's independence and _____ to another's control; to obey; to arrange oneself under
2. **Yourselves**-submission is a _____ commitment

B. Become submissive-_____ practicing

II. Submit to the _____ over you Vs 13b

A. Peter is writing this to the scattered believers who have been put under the authority of governments and rulers that they are not familiar or necessarily _____ with.

B. "Submit to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake"

1. **Every ordinance of man**-the _____ of the land in which one lives
2. Peter here approves no _____ kind of government, but he supports law and order as Paul does _____ it steps in between God and man Cf. Rom 13:1-7
3. **For the Lord's sake**-on _____ of the Lord, whose will it was, and who commanded it

III. Submission's object and purpose Vs 13c-16

A. The _____ of submission Vs 13c-15

1. _____, as supreme Vs 13c

- a. In Peter's day, the _____ of Rome was the supreme ruler.
- b. **As supreme**-Supreme, not as in superior to God, but supreme in that they rule over the _____ citizens.

2. _____ Vs 14

- a. Those placed in a position of leadership by the _____
- b. Their purpose of ruling others
 - (1) They are sent to _____ the law breakers
 - (2) They are sent to _____ the law abider

B. The purpose of submission to those in authority over us _____ Vs 15-16

1. Obedience to the _____ of the Lord Vs 15a

2. Silencing those who are _____ of the believer Vs 15b

- a. By obeying the laws of the land ("with well doing"), we give no _____ for criticism by the unsaved.
- b. **Put to silence**-literally, "to _____," "to stop the mouth."
- c. **The ignorance of foolish men**
 - (1) **Ignorance**-"Spiritually, not having "the knowledge of God," and therefore ignorant of the children of God, and misconstruing their acts; influenced by mere appearances, and ever ready to open their mouths, rather than their eyes and ears." JFB
 - (2) **Foolish men**-the _____
 - (a) **Foolish, fool**-Proverbs speaks more to the character of a foolish person than any other book of the Bible. _____ times the some form of the word "fool" is used.
 - (b) Pro 1:7 fools _____ wisdom and instruction.
 - (c) Pro 1:22 fools _____ knowledge

- (d) Pro Pr 9:6 _____ the foolish, and live
- (e) Pr 10:1 a foolish son is the _____ of his mother.
- (f) Pr 10:21 fools _____ for lack of wisdom.
- (g) Pr 10:23 to do _____ is like sport to a fool
- (h) Pr 14:9 fools make a _____ at sin

IV. Submission to authority allows for Christian _____ Vs 16

A. **As free**

- 1. The ability and _____ to abide by the laws of the land
- 2. "They were free indeed, but it was from sin, and not from righteousness, not from obedience to God's law, which requires subjection to magistrates, for they were still the servants of God." Matthew Poole Commentary

B. **Not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness**

- 1. Not using our Christian liberty as a cover to _____ our sinfulness
- 2, Not using our Christian liberty as an _____ to not obey the laws of the land, by stating our allegiance is only to God

C. **But as the servants of God**-as the servants of God, we are free to serve God

Concl: Submission to God _____ that we be submissive to the legal authority and the laws of the land. The only time we are _____ from obeying the law of the land is when it is in **direct** conflict with the commandments of Scripture, since our _____ allegiance is to God above all.