

THE BELIEVER'S DUTY TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES Pt. 2

(1 Peter 2:13-17)

I. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERINGS/TRIALS NEED TO BE VIEWED IN LIGHT OF GOD'S PLAN OF SALVATION FOR YOU. (1 Peter 1:1-12)

II. YOUR GREAT SALVATION AND PRESENT SUFFERING SHOULD RESULT IN PRACTICAL SANCTIFICATION IN YOUR LIFE. (1:13–2:10)

III. YOUR PRESENT SUFFERING/TRIALS NEED TO BE RESPONDED TO WITH...

A. An ETERNAL PERSPECTIVE. (2:11a)

B. An INTERNAL VICTORY. (2:11b)

C. An EXTERNAL DISPLAY, which involves HONORABLE CONDUCT among the unsaved. (2:12)

D. An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION to your CIVIL AUTHORITIES. (2:13-17)

1. The *mandate* to “_____ yourselves” (2:13a)

2. The *meaning* of “*submit*” is to display an appropriate _____ and _____ which recognize properly delegated _____ and _____ under it. (2:13a)

Usages of *hupotasso* in the New Testament

- Jesus Christ submitting to Joseph and Mary. (Luke 2:51)
- Demons submitting to the disciples. (Luke 10:17)
- Creation in submission to the curse. (Romans 8:20)
- Individuals submitting to government authorities. (Romans 13:1, 5)
- Believers submitting to one another. (Ephesians 5:21)
- Christians submitting to God. (James 4:7)
- Wives submitting to their husbands. (Ephesians 5:22; Titus 2:5; 1Pet. 3:1-6)
- Servants submitting to their masters. (Titus 2:9)
- Congregations submitting to their elders. (1 Peter 5:5)

3. The *manner* of submission is to be _____ (aorist tense). (2:13a)

4. The *mood* of submission (imperative mood) indicates that this is _____
_____ for every believer (plural). (2:13a)
5. The *mortal objects* of submission involve “every _____ of
_____” including “the _____ and _____”. (2:13b-
14a)
6. The *motives* for submission are first of all, “for the _____”;
and secondly, it is “to put to _____ the _____ of foolish
men.” (2:13-15)

* What is amazing about this historical context of this passage?

7. The *mentality* of submission is not the cringing obedience of spineless weaklings but as
“_____” men in Christ who are “_____ of God.”
(2:16)

* How is this not to be abused?

* To whom is your first responsibility?

* How does this then possibly limit your submission to government authorities?

* Did Peter know about this first hand?

* How does all of this apply to you?