

THE BELIEVER'S DUTY TO THEIR EMPLOYER

(1 Peter 2:18-20)

- 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)**
 - E. **An APPROVING SUBMISSION to your BOSS/MASTER. (2:18-25)**

1. **The submission of a Christian slave/employee. (2:18-20)**

* How did the New Testament address the issue of slavery?

a. The *response* is to “*be* _____.” (2:18a)

* “Hupotasso” —

b. The *recipient* of this submission is your _____. (2:18b)

c. The *requirement* of submission in the workplace involves a genuine _____ of the Lord. (2:18c)

d. The *reality* of submission in the workplace is that you may have a master/boss who is _____ and _____ in his treatment of you, or one who is _____. (2:18d)

* In either case, how are you to respond?

e. The *reward* for submission in the workplace (while enduring painful or unjust grief) is the _____ (“*commendable*”) of God now and at the Bema Seat of Christ. (2:19a)

* What about instructions to bosses? (Eph. 6:9; Col. 4:1)

f. The *reason* for submission in the workplace (to the point of suffering) is “*because of* _____”. (2:19b)

* What does this entail?

g. The *recognition* of submission before God involves when you “_____” and “_____” and “*take it* _____”; not “*when you are beaten for your faults.*” (2:20)

* Who is the ultimate example of undeserved suffering due to submission to the will of God?

* How does all of this apply to you?