

THE BELIEVER'S DUTY TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES

(1 Peter 2:13-17)

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

A. An APPROPRIATE SUBMISSION to Civil Authorities (2:13-17)

1. Some initial observations concerning the context of the passage...
 - a. These instructions are only written to _____ in _____ (2:11)
 - b. These instructions for submission address how to display honorable conduct toward the UNSAVED in human _____, in the _____, on the _____, and in your _____. (2:13-3:7)
 - c. These instructions for submission are very _____ and yet _____, they are not complex.
 - d. These instructions for submission assume that believers are capable of _____ and even _____ these principles by God's enablement.
 - e. These instructions for submission utilize _____ as the prime example of fulfilling these principles. (2:21-24)
2. Under the leading of the Holy Spirit, we have Peter's mandate to "_____ yourselves." (2:13a)
3. The meaning of "*submit*" is to display an appropriate _____ and _____ which recognize properly delegated authority and _____ under it. (2:13a)
4. The manner of submission is to be _____ (*aorist tense*). (2:13a)

5. The mood of submission (*imperative mood*) indicates that this is _____ for every believer (plural); it is _____ optional. (2:13a)

6. The mortal objects of submission involve “every _____ of _____ including “the _____ and _____. (2:13b-14a)

* What does this passage not stipulate?”

* What are the primary functions of human government?

7. The motives for submission are first of all, “for the _____”; and secondly, it is “to put to _____ the _____ of foolish men.” (2:13-15)

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

* To whom is your first responsibility?

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

* How does all of this personally apply to you in light of what we are experiencing right now?