



I Peter 2:13-18 The Lifestyle of Sanctification, part 4

In order for the believer to enjoy God's work of sanctification in their lives, Peter urges Holy Distance (vs 11), Honest Interaction (vs 12), and now Humble Submission.

1. The Instruction: *Submit yourselves.*
 - To "submit" means to obey, to subject yourself to.
2. The Extent: *To every ordinance of man.*
 - "Ordinance" means man's rules, system, structure.
3. The Motive: *For the Lord's sake.*
 - Our submission to human authority is submission to God.
4. Two APPLICATIONS:
 - a. The Authority. *whether it be to the king, as supreme.*
 - b. His Representatives. *Or unto governors*
 - 1) It honors Christ when we respect the office. *as unto them that are sent by him*
 - 2) Respect their obligation to uphold the law. *for the punishment of evildoers*
 - 3) Respect the honors that they bestow. *and for the praise of them that do well*
5. The Purpose:
 - a. Our submission facilitates God's will. *For so is the will of God*
 - b. Keeping human rules is a tool that God can use. *that with well doing*
 - c. Submission to human authority will win victories for God in the end.
ye may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men.
6. The Attitude:
 - a. This does not violate your Christian liberty. *As free*
 - b. Christian liberty is not a disguise for rebellion.
and not using your liberty for a cloke of maliciousness
 - c. I am serving God by submitting to human authority. *but as the servants of God.*
7. Five Categories of Submission:
 - a. There is a certain level of respect I am to show to all people. *Honour all men.*
 - b. There is a unique love I am to have to every Christian. *Love the brotherhood.*
 - c. Our absolute respect and obedience belongs only to God. *Fear God.*
 - d. We should value the people that represent human authority. *Honour the king.*
 - e. We should respect and submit to our employers.
 - 1) We have an obligation to them. *Servants, be subject to your masters*
 - 2) God requires us to show them respect. *with all fear*
 - 3) Our respect for them is not based upon their character.
not only to the good and gentle, but also to the froward.

*Give the Word free course; receive it with meekness; water it with tears;
and feed upon it by meditation.*