



Submission is NOT a Four-letter Word

(1 Peter 2:13-25)

Submission to Government

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- ☑ **Submit yourself to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake...(obey your to kings and governors.)**
- ☑ **Every ordinance?** What if the "laws of man" are in conflict with the "laws of God"? What do you do? Do we have biblical examples of such?
- ☑ **Ordinance of man:** "You are commanded to no longer speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus!"
- ☑ "Now when they saw the boldness of **Peter and John**, and perceived that they were uneducated and untrained men, they marveled. And they realized that they had been with Jesus. And seeing the man who had been healed standing with them, they could say nothing against it. But when they had commanded them to go aside out of the council, they conferred among themselves, saying, "What shall we do to these men? For, indeed, that a notable miracle has been done through them is evident to all who dwell in Jerusalem, and we cannot deny it. But so that it spreads no further among the people, let us severely **threaten them, that from now on they speak to no man in this name.**" So they called them and **commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus.**" Acts 4:13-18 NKJV

☑ **Response to ungodly authority:**

- ☑ But Peter and John answered and said to them,
“**Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you more than to God, you judge. For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard.**”

Acts 4:19-20 NKJV

☑ **Ordinance of the King:** “Kill all Hebrew boys as they are born!”

- ☑ “**Then the king of Egypt spoke** to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiprah and the name of the other Puah; and he said, “When you do the duties of a midwife for the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstools, **if it is a son, then you shall kill him;** but if it is a daughter, then she shall live.” Exodus 1:15-16 NKJV

☑ **Response to ungodly authority:**

- ☑ “But the midwives feared God, **and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them,** but saved the male children alive.” Exodus 1:17 NKJV

- ☑ **Do all things as unto the Lord:** “Bondservants, obey in all things your masters according to the flesh, not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but in sincerity of heart, fearing God. And **whatever you do, do it heartily, as to**

the Lord and not to men, knowing that from the Lord you will receive the reward of the inheritance; for you serve the Lord Christ. But he who does wrong will be repaid for what he has done, and there is no partiality.”
Colossians 3:22-25 NKJV

- ☑ **Just be sure the orders of man do not break the orders of God:** “Then the scribes and Pharisees who were from Jerusalem came to Jesus, saying, “**Why do Your disciples transgress the tradition of the elders?** For they do not wash their hands when they eat bread.” He answered and said to them, “**Why do you also transgress the commandment of God because of your tradition?** For God commanded, saying, ‘Honor your father and your mother’; and, ‘He who curses father or mother, let him be put to death.’ But you say, ‘Whoever says to his father or mother, “Whatever profit you might have received from me is a gift to God ”— then he need not honor his father or mother.’ **Thus you have made the commandment of God of no effect by your tradition.** Hypocrites! Well did Isaiah prophesy about you, saying: ‘**These people draw near to Me with their mouth, And honor Me with their lips, But their heart is far from Me.** And in vain they

worship Me, **Teaching as doctrines the commandments of men.** "" Matthew 15:1-9 NKJV

☑ **Leaders are Sent to Punish Evildoers**

- ☑ **Authorities for Good, a terror to evil:** "Let every soul be **subject to the governing authorities.** For there is no authority except from God, and the **authorities that exist are appointed by God.** Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. **For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.** Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? **Do what is good,** and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's **minister to you for good.** But **if you do evil, be afraid;** for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is **God's minister,** an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake. For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are **God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.** Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor." Romans 13:1-7 NKJV

☑ *“For this is the will of God, that by **doing good** you may put to **silence the ignorance of foolish men—**” I Peter 2:15 NKJV*

☑ **Doing Good will Silence Ignorant and Foolish Men**

☑ **How you appear to outsiders:** “Walk in wisdom toward those **who are outside**, redeeming the time. **Let your speech always be with grace**, seasoned with **salt**, that you may know how you ought to answer each one.”
Colossians 4:5-6 NKJV

☑ **Salt, Light, Good Works:** ““You are the **salt of the earth**; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. “You are the **light of the world**. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. **Let your light so shine** before men, that they may **see your good works** and glorify your Father in heaven.”
Matthew 5:13-16 NKJV

☑ **Hot Coals:** “If your **enemy** is hungry, give him bread to eat; And if he is thirsty, give him water to drink; For so you will heap coals of fire on his head, And the LORD will reward you.” Proverbs 25:21-22 NKJV

☑ *“as free, yet **not using liberty as a cloak for vice**, but as bondservants of God.” 1 Peter 2:16 NKJV*

☑ **Not Using Liberty as a Cloak for Vice**

☑ **More Sin More Grace:** “Moreover the law entered that the offense might abound. But **where sin abounded, grace abounded much more**, so that as sin reigned in death, even so grace might reign through righteousness to eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.” Romans 5:20-21 NKJV

☑ **NEXT CHAPTER NEXT VERSE—More Grace More Sin?** “What shall we say then? **Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?** Certainly not! How shall we who died to sin live any longer in it?” Romans 6:1-2 NKJV

☑ **Children of Liberty:** “So then, brethren, we are not children of the bondwoman but of the **free**.” Galatians 4:31 NKJV

☑ **NEXT CHAPTER NEXT VERSE—Don’t get re-tangled in bondage!** “Stand fast therefore in the liberty by which Christ has made us free, and **do not be entangled again** with a yoke of bondage.” Galatians 5:1 NKJV

☑ **Bondservants**

☑ See comprehensive notes and video on bondservants:

[The Bondservant and His Master](#)

☑ *“Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” 1 Peter 2:17 NKJV*

☑ **Honor all People**

☑ “Do not withhold good from those **to whom it is due**,
When it is in the power of your hand to do so.” Proverbs
3:27 NKJV

☑ “Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes
are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear,
honor to whom honor.” Romans 13:7 NKJV

☑ **Love the Brotherhood**

☑ “Behold, how good and how pleasant it is **For brethren
to dwell together in unity!** It is like the precious oil upon
the head, Running down on the beard, The beard of
Aaron, Running down on the edge of his garments.”
Psalms 133:1-2 NKJV

☑ “If someone says, “I love God,” and hates his brother, he
is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he
has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen?
And this commandment we have from Him: that **he who
loves God must love his brother also.**” 1 John 4:20-21
NKJV

☑ **Fear God**

- ☑ ““The **fear [reverence] of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom**, And the knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.” Proverbs 9:10 NKJV
- ☑ “And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. **But rather fear Him** who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell.” Matthew 10:28 NKJV
- ☑ **Honor the King**
- ☑ Again see Romans 13:1-7

Submission to Masters

“**Servants, be submissive to your masters** with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh. For this is commendable, if **because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully**. For what credit is it if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? **But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this is commendable before God**. For to this you were called, because **Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps: “Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth”**; who, when He was reviled, **did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten**, but committed Himself to Him who judges righteously; who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness— **by whose stripes**

you were healed. For you were like sheep going astray, but have now returned to **the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.**" I Peter 2:18-25 NKJV

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☑ **Servants Submit to your Master!**

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☑ **Suffering for doing good:** "And they agreed with him, and when they had called for the apostles and beaten them, they commanded that they should not speak in the name of Jesus, and let them go. So they departed from the presence of the council, **rejoicing that they were counted worthy to suffer shame for His name.** And daily

in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease teaching and preaching Jesus as the Christ.” Acts 5:40-42 NKJV

- ☑ “If you endure chastening, God deals with you as with sons; **for what son is there whom a father does not chasten?** But if you are without chastening, of which all have become partakers, then **you are illegitimate** and not sons.” Hebrews 12:7-8 NKJV
- ☑ **Suffering for doing wrong:** “Though they join forces, **the wicked will not go unpunished;** But the posterity of the righteous will be delivered.” **Proverbs 11:21 NKJV**

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☑ His Suffering; Our Example

☑ **Follow in His footsteps by suffering:** “Imitate me, just as I also imitate Christ.” I Corinthians 11:1 NKJV

☑ **He died; We die!** “Or do you not know that as many of us as were baptized into Christ Jesus were **baptized into His death?**” Romans 6:3 NKJV

☑ **He died; We die!** “always carrying about in the body the dying of the Lord Jesus, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our body. For **we who live are always delivered to death for Jesus’** sake, that the life of Jesus also may be manifested in our mortal flesh.” II Corinthians 4:10-11 NKJV

☑ **If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you:** ““If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before it hated you. If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. Remember the word that I said to you, **‘A servant is not greater than his master.’** If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also.” John 15:18-20 NKJV

☑ **If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, what will they call you?** ““A disciple is not above his

teacher, nor a servant above his master. It is enough for a disciple that he be like his teacher, and a servant like his master. **If they have called the master of the house Beelzebub, how much more will they call those of his household!**" Matthew 10:24-25 NKJV

☑ **As He Suffered:**

☑ **He stayed sinless:** "For it was fitting for Him, for whom are all things and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons to glory, to make the captain of their salvation **perfect through sufferings.** For both **He who sanctifies and those who are being sanctified are all of one,** for which reason He is not ashamed to call them brethren," Hebrews 2:10-11 NKJV

☑ **No Deceit in His Mouth:**

☑ **And He spoke nothing untrue:** "Jesus said to him, **"I am the way, the truth, and the life.** No one comes to the Father except through Me." John 14:6 NKJV

☑ **Only spoke what He was sent to say:** "Jesus answered them and said, **"My doctrine is not Mine, but His who sent Me.** If anyone wills to do His will, he shall know concerning the doctrine, whether it is from God or whether I speak on My own authority. He who speaks from himself seeks his own glory; but **He who seeks the**

glory of the One who sent Him is true, and no unrighteousness is in Him.” John 7:16-18 NKJV

☑ **The Same truth is in you!** “But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and you know all things. I have not written to you because you do not know the truth, **but because you know it**, and that no lie is of the truth.” I John 2:20-21 NKJV

☑ **When He was reviled, did not revile in return**

☑ **He did not protect Himself nor retaliate:** “He was oppressed and He was afflicted, **Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter**, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, **So He opened not His mouth.**” Isaiah 53:7 NKJV

☑ **Forgive them!** “Then Jesus said, “**Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do.**” And they divided His garments and cast lots.” Luke 23:34 NKJV

☑ **He trusted in the righteous judgement of His Father:** “God is a just judge, And God is angry with the wicked every day.” Psalms 7:11 NKJV

☑ **By His Stripes you are Healed**

☑ **His stripes:** “But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are

healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; We have turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all." Isaiah 53:5-6 NKJV

☑ **We were all like lost sheep and He is the Shepherd of our souls!**

☑ **We are His sheep:** "For He is our God, And we are the people of His pasture, And **the sheep of His hand**. Today, if you will hear His voice:" Psalms 95:7 NKJV

☑ **We are His sheep:** "Know that the LORD, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; **We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.**" Psalms 100:3 NKJV

☑ **The Shepherd of our souls:** "**The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.** He makes me to lie down in green pastures; He leads me beside the still waters. He restores my soul; He leads me in the paths of righteousness For His name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; For You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; You anoint my head with oil; My cup runs over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me All the days of my

life; And I will dwell in the house of the LORD Forever.”

Psalms 23:1-6 NKJV

NEXT WEEK

His Eyes are on the Righteous PART 1 (1 Peter 3:1-12)