

1 Peter 2:13 – 3:12 – Submission – Part 1

Points to Consider

1. Submitting to Government should produce peace and order
2. Sometimes it doesn't
3. What should Christians do?

Submission to government should produce peace and order

1 Peter 2:13-14 - Governments are set up to _____ evildoers and _____ the innocent.

1 Peter 2:15 - God's plan is for Christians to live a life so pure that their enemies' claims will not be believed by others.

We can willfully submit to government because we are the _____ people in all the earth.

John 8:31-36 - Jesus has freed us, so we are _____ free!

Matt 22:15-22 - Jesus said we should give to Caesar the things that _____ to Him and give to God the things that belong to Him.

When the Pharisees, who originally planned on trapping Him, heard what Jesus said, they _____ and left Him alone.

What do we owe civil government?

Rom 13:1-7 - In verses 1 and 5 we are told to be _____ to government _____.

We owe the government taxes, customs, fear, and _____.

1 Tim 2:1-3 *Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence. 3 For this is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior NKJV*

We are to _____ for our government officials.

We should pray that our government officials make decisions that allow us to lead a _____ and peaceable life in godliness and reverence.

What do we owe God?

Matt 22:37-40 *Jesus said to him, "'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind.' 38 This is the first and great commandment. 39 And the second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' 40 On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets." NKJV*

Our true love and _____ belong to God.

John 14:15 *If you love Me, keep My commandments. NKJV*

Sometimes it doesn't

Deut 19:15-21 - It is common for someone who hates you to _____ accuse you to people in authority.

In 1 Kings 21, it was the Queen of Israel that had Naboth executed because her husband wanted his vineyard.

1 Sam 8:10-20 - Over time, governments get big and _____.
Ahab persecuted prophets.

Acts 9:1-2 *Then Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest 2 and asked letters from him to the synagogues of Damascus, so that if he found any who were of the Way, whether men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.* NKJV

Persecution against Christians has historically been led by _____.

What should Christians do?

Ex 1:15-18 *Then the king of Egypt spoke to the Hebrew midwives, of whom the name of one was Shiphrah and the name of the other Puah; 16 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." 17 But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but saved the male children alive. 18 So the king of Egypt called for the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this thing, and saved the male children alive?"* NKJV

Dan 3:16-18; Dan 6:10

Acts 4:18-21 *So they called them and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. 19 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. 20 For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."* NKJV

When a law is in opposition to God's law, we are _____ to disobey the government.
When we disobey the government, we must be willing to accept the _____.

Ex 5:15-16 *Then the officers of the children of Israel came and cried out to Pharaoh, saying, "Why are you dealing thus with your servants? 16 There is no straw given to your servants, and they say to us, 'Make brick!' And indeed your servants are beaten, but the fault is in your own people."* NKJV

Neh 2:1- We can _____ the government for a change in policy.
We can _____.
You might just have to keep making bricks.

1 Peter 2:13-17 *Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, 14 or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men — 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.* NKJV