

1 Peter 2:13-3:7

Review: Sojourners/Pilgrims - Identity/Culture of Kingdom of Heaven
Honorable Conduct before gentiles - represent Father (vs 12)

Submission to Authority - as Honorable Conduct before gentiles
- as obedient Children (unto Him)

General Biblical Principles:

Different Types: Civil, Work, Familial, Spiritual
Limits (Scope), but all have the Same Principles

Authority Serves, those under authority Honor

God (Highest Authority in all types) works through Chain of Command (ex: rebellious son)
all Authority is Accountable to God (Heb 13:17)

Purpose of Authority is Safety/Security (ex: defund police?)

Rebellion against Authority is Rebellion against God (Korah ~ Num 16)

Blessing in Submission, Judgement in Resistance

Right of Appeal (Chain of Command - obedience to higher authority)

Corruption doesn't invalidate requirement to Honor (Acts 23:1-5)

Words! (Jude 8-10) "reject authority, speak evil of dignitaries"

Responsibility to Pray (1 Tim 2:1-2)

Appeal to Heaven only effective if we follow Principles (flag)

Rom 13:1-7

all Civil Authority is *Appointed* by God for Good (Service)

Resistance brings Judgement

they are God's Ministers (accountable to Him)

taxes, Honor

Eph 5:22-6:9, Col 3:18-4:1

Familial: husbands Serve with Sacrificial Love, wives Honor with Respect
parents Serve with Loving Training, children Honor by Obeying

Work: masters Serve in providing Fair, Non-Threatening environment
workers Honor by Obeying "from the heart, as to the Lord"

Submission to Authority is about a Heart to Honor God, not blind obedience

13-17 Submit to Civil Authority for *His sake*

(15) silences ignorance/foolishness (vs 12)

(16) free of worldly influence, we don't use our freedom to flaunt earthly rule,
but demonstrate our bond service to God through submission (context)

(17) Honor - Honor is a really big deal to God!

Honoring Authority is part of our Witness

18-23 Submit to Work Authority regardless of character

(19) Commendable before God to Endure/Suffer - Conscience over comfort

(21) "Called" to share Christ's Sufferings (and Glory ~ 1 Pe 1, Rom 8)
visible Example of Christ (vs 12)

(23) Christ's behavior reflected His Submission to the Father

Isa 53 (3 times): Cross - Freedom from Corruption, Healing, Oversight
being under Authority is a Blessing from Heaven

3:1-7 Submit to Familial Authority even if its ungodly
may be won (1 Cor 7:12-16) - same principle as vs 16

Conduct greater than words (vs 12) - Witness

Heart greater than appearance

(6) Safety/Security under Authority (obvious exceptions)
don't let fear cause you to take control

(7) Warning to husbands

Understanding & Honor - provide safety/security to weaker vessel

Heirs together (Partners) - effect your partnership with God (prayers)

(Mal 2:13-15) ¹³You cover the altar of the LORD with tears, with weeping and crying; so He does not regard the offering anymore, nor receive it with goodwill from your hands. ¹⁴Yet you say, "For what reason?" Because the LORD has been witness between you and the wife of your youth, with whom you have dealt treacherously; yet she is your companion and your wife by covenant. ¹⁵But did He not make them one, having a remnant of the Spirit? And why one? He seeks godly offspring. Therefore take heed to your spirit, and let none deal treacherously with the wife of his youth.

We Submit to Authority through Honor from the Heart

recognizing we Honor God by Honoring His Appointed Authority

trusting by Faith that God is able to keep us even under ungodly authority

demonstrating through Submission Christ's Character to unbelievers