

1 Peter 2:13-17

Peter begins talking about a subject in verse 13 which is quite popular today: politics. What key command does he begin this section with? Why would he want us to submit to the government? How would it be hard for those people who were being persecuted by the government to actually want to submit to it?

Whose sake should we submit to the government for? How will the fact that we are submitting to the government on behalf of our Lord help us submit to our governmental authorities? Is the idea of submitting to the government and its' authority popular today? Explain how our good behavior and respect towards our government benefits the Lord's cause and reputation.

Peter lists one of the government's chief roles in verse 14. What is it? Does this mean a government will always get matters of justice correct? What should we pray for when it comes to justice? Why must a government hold its' citizens accountable?

Jesus and the Apostle Paul were both falsely accused of stirring up riots and resisting the government. Why does our good conduct silence the foolish talk of ignorant men? When might we be falsely accused of going against our government? How should we handle such accusations?

Peter ends our verses with a string of commands. He urges us to live honest lives with respect to our government. When might we be tempted to be dishonest towards the government? Why might we be tempted to be dishonest towards our government? How does an honest heart which serves God contrast with dishonest people and their dealings with the government?

Peter says our governmental officials deserve respect and honor. Does society give them much respect or honor? Are we immune from showing them dishonor? What does our irreverent talk towards our elected officials show about our hearts? How do we show our government respect and honor? Why do we want to show our government respect and honor?