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The Bridge Bible Fellowship

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1 Peter 2:13-17

“Stand Up & Stand Out”
“Submission” – Part 1 – “In Society”

- I. Foundation: God’s Provision of Salvation (1:1-12)
- II. Exhortation: Our Response to So Great a Salvation (1:13-5:14)
 - A. Sanctification (1:13-2:12)
 - B. Submission (2:13-3:12)
 - 1. In Society (2:13-17)
 - a. What (13a, 16)

b. Why (12-13b, 15)

c. Who / How (13c-14, 17)

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So What?

Discussion & Application:

1. Share with one another what you did this past week when you experienced sinful desires. How did you overcome them?
2. What does the word “submission” mean? Does it include our attitudes? Why is it such a difficult concept for Americans? What other Scriptures (outside of 1 Peter) speak to the importance of submission?
3. How does being submissive to authority help our testimony as followers of Jesus? How does it silence the ignorance of foolish men? How does lack of submission hinder our testimony? Share stories of both positive and negative testimonies in this regard. What could you have done differently when the testimony wasn’t good?
4. What exceptions to submission do we see in the Bible? When did Peter choose not to be submissive to authority? What was his reason? How can we carry out those exceptions but do it with a humble, submissive, respectful attitude?
5. Why does Peter talk about “free men” and “freedom” in verse 16? What does it have to do with submitting to authorities in our lives?
6. What does it mean to “honor” all people? How does that apply to people we strongly disagree with and/or people who have done their best to hurt us (slander, etc.)? Why should we honor them? What are some practical ways we can honor people?
7. How does loving the brotherhood help silence the false accusations people might make toward Christianity and Christians? What are some practical ways we can love fellow believers?
8. What does it mean to fear God? Why does Peter put that in a section about submission? Why does he bring this up right before saying we should honor the king? How does the fear of God impact our submission to authority?
9. Why doesn’t Peter say to “fear” the king? Why honor? Why should we honor the supreme ruler of a country? Who put him in that position of authority? What if he is evil and/or incompetent? How do we honor people we strongly disagree with on important matters? What are some practical ways we can honor the President of the United States?
10. **3 Month / 90-Day Challenge!** Read the whole Bible in 90 days. Here is a daily guide that Pastor Paul is using: <https://www.thebrooknetwork.org/wp-content/uploads/2011/12/BibleIn90Days.pdf>
11. **Memorize 1 Peter 2:13-17.** Ask the Lord to use you to help the spiritual house at The Bridge become more holy and bear more fruit both locally and globally for His glory. **Pray for and invite family & friends to join us for Good Friday and/or Easter.**