

The World's Hardest Activity

1 Peter 2:13-17

Part 2



Summary of Today's Message

Some people are just gifted at music or naturally talented with their hands. Others find that sports come easy, while others can perform math functions with total ease. But there is something that practically *everyone* finds difficult and that is *submission*.

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To abdicate our will to that of another, even for the sake of order and peace, is extremely tough. But there are higher goals and loftier purposes for believers to live submissive lives.

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ABOUT SUBMISSION

- I. The Principle of Submission (v. 13)
- II. The Particulars of Submission (vv. 13-14)
- III. The Purpose of Submission (vv. 13, 15-16)

The Upward Purpose of submission
(v. 13 "*For the Lord's sake*")

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1. God is honored when His earthly representatives are seen as stabilizers in their society

2. Isn't this the greatest motivation to do it—
because God said to do it?

John 14:15

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Verse 15: there are very few places in the New Testament where something is called "the will of God

if God is the ultimate authority, He has the right to say, "Obey the intermediate authorities"

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The Outward Purpose (v. 15 *"to silence the ignorance of foolish people"*)

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One of the greatest apologetics for the gospel of Jesus Christ is a good life, a redeemed life

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Peter said to submit, but then he also said you're free (see v. 16)

"Christian freedom does not mean being free to do as we like; it means being free to do as we ought" —William Barclay

In restricting certain freedoms, you gain others

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IV. The Practice of Submission (v. 17)

Vs.17 is a summation, doctrine, theology of
submission

Towards People

Every single human being deserves a certain
amount of respect

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Peter wrote this against the backdrop of the first century, where slaves were not considered human beings

But every single person deserves to be honored as made in the image of God

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The brotherhood is believers

John 13:35: Jesus gave the world permission to
judge us

You want to have a family of love so compelling
in the church that when people visit, they say, "I
want to be in this family"

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Towards God

Fear means a reverential respect and awe of God that culminates in submissive obedience to the will of God

Because we submit to God's **will**, and part of His will is for us to obey intermediate authority, we do it

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"Honor the king" (v. 17)

Peter went full circle

However, in verse 13, he dealt with action; here,
he dealt with attitude

You can do something and have a rotten attitude

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Be careful how you talk about your governing authorities

Whether your president, governor, or police force, they are to be prayed for and honored

They are in a place God allowed them to be in

CLOSING THOUGHTS

Let's make beautiful music together

Let's make our ideas and our biases subservient to
the conductor, our Lord

In submitting to His lordship, we march together in
unity

CLOSING THOUGHTS

You don't have to feel like it; just do it, and you'll discover that the emotions will catch up with your obedience

Hate cannot well up in the heart that prays a prayer of honor to a loving God