**Living as Foreigners**

**Submitting to those in Authority**

**1 Peter 2:11-25**

• This is God’s Word.

• It is a perfect treasure of divine instruction.

• It has God for its author,

• salvation for its end,

• and truth, without any mixture of error, for its matter.

• It is the supreme source of truth

• for what we believe

• and how we live.

**Peter begins this section by telling us to be careful how we live!**

**“Dear friends, I warn you as ‘temporary residents and foreigners’ to keep away from worldly desires that wage war against your very souls. Be careful to live properly among your unbelieving neighbors. Then even if they accuse you of doing wrong, they will see your honorable behavior, and they will give honor to God when he judges the world.” 1 Peter 2:11-12**

**Peter then tells us to submit to**

**ALL human authority.**

**“For the Lord’s sake, submit to all human authority…” 1 Peter 2:13**

**“Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ.” Ephesians 5:21**

**What is Submission?**

**“To place yourself under the authority**

**or leadership of another.”**

**Where should we Submit?**

**The Government**

**“For the Lord’s sake, respect all human authority—whether the king as head of state, or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right. It is God’s will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. For you are free, yet you are God’s slaves, so don’t use your freedom as an excuse to do evil. Respect everyone, and love your Christian brothers and sisters. Fear God, and respect the king.” 1 Peter 2:13-17**

**“Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God… So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.” Romans 13:1-5**

**“Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers… They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good.” Titus 3:1**

**The Work Place**

**“You who are slaves must accept the authority of your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. For God is pleased with you when you do what you know is right and patiently endure unfair treatment. Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.” 1 Peter 2:18-20**

**The Home**

**“In the same way, you wives, be submissive to your own husbands so that even if any of them are disobedient to the word, they may be won without a word by the behavior of their wives.” (NASB) 1 Peter 3:1**

**The Church**

**You know that Stephanas and his household were the first of the harvest of believers in Greece, and they are spending their lives in service to God’s people. I urge you, dear brothers and sisters, to submit to them and others like them who serve with such devotion. 1 Corinthians 16:15-16**

**Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow. That would certainly not be for your benefit. Hebrews 13:17**

**The One Exception!**

**But Peter and the apostles replied, “We must obey God rather than any human authority. Acts 5:29**

**Our Example!**

**For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone. He did not retaliate when he was insulted, nor threaten revenge when he suffered. He left his case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. He personally carried our sins in his body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right. By his wounds you are healed. Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls. 1 Peter 2:21-25**