

1 PETER
God Honoring Submission
1 Peter 2:13-17

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1. **God is _____ over citizens as well as their civil authorities.**

2. **An important way in which believers are called to show forth the excellencies of their Lord is by _____ to their civil authorities.**
 - a. Believers must _____ the Lord by voluntarily placing themselves under the lawful government of man.

 - b. God has _____ that civil government is to encourage those who do what is right and punish those who do evil.

“A good rule of thumb is that higher authority must take precedence over lower authority. If obedience to a human law or authority would violate our allegiance to _____, we must obey God at all costs.”
- Curtis Vaughan

- c. It is God’s will for Christians to act in honorable ways, so that the senseless accusations of foolish men will be _____.

- d. All believers are privileged to be _____ bondslaves of God.
 - 1) In Christ, Christians are _____ from the reign of sin, from the law as a covenant, and from the wrath of God.

 - 2) Christians must not pervert their _____ and use it as an excuse for acting in evil ways.

“Let us learn to be free and to be _____; let us not profess ourselves to the lawless pleasure of any man on earth; but let us remember, at the same time, government is sacred, and not to be trifled with.”
- Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, 1750

3. **In summary, because believers have a humble _____ for the Lord, they will pursue love and honor for their neighbors.**
 - a. Christians are to show proper _____ to all men and especially to love their brothers and sisters in Christ.

 - b. Christians are to have a holy reverence for God _____, and because they revere God, they must show proper respect for their civil authorities.