

SUBMITTING WHEN SUFFERING 1 Peter 2:13-17

- I. **Christians should submit to the government to honor our Lord (13-14).**
Matthew 22:21: They said to Him, “Caesar’s.” And He said to them, “**Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s**, and to God the things that are God’s.”

Romans 13:1, 5: Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, **and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.** 5 Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath **but also for conscience’ sake.**

- II. **Christians should submit to the government to help our witness (15-16).**
1 Timothy 2:1-2: Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, **that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.**

- III. **Christians should submit to the government to honor all people (17).**
Matthew 5:44: But I say to you, **love your enemies**, bless those who curse you, do good to those who hate you, and pray for those who spitefully use you and persecute you.

Luke 6:35: **But love your enemies, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return;** and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil.

Romans 13:6-7: For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, **fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.**