

The Day of Pentecost ~ Sunday, June 9, 2019

“A Living Hope: Godly Submission”

1 Peter 2:11-25

Submission does not come _____ to anyone; especially in a world where asserting one's _____ is one of the highest values.

We don't like giving up the right to make _____ for ourselves; nor do we like the idea of someone else telling us what to do.

“All we like sheep have gone astray; we have all turned to our own way, and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.” (Isaiah 53:6)

“For everyone has sinned; we all fall short of God's glorious standard.” (Romans 3:23)

Both of these bear witness to the fact that not only is no one is _____ and we all miss the mark; but that _____ is part of our very nature and we all prefer to go our own way.

Circles of authority = the different _____ of life that we occupy on a daily basis:

We can't work together in any endeavour without some kind of _____ of authority because when there's _____, chaos, and disorganization, things will eventually disintegrate and fall apart

6 PRINCIPLES FOR CHRISTIAN SUBMISSION

Principle #1: _____.

“Beloved, I urge you as aliens and exiles to abstain from the desires of the flesh that wage war against the soul.” (1 Peter 2:11)

Being a citizen of _____ doesn't relieve us of our responsibility to submit to _____ authority.

Although we're citizens of heaven, as long as we remain here on earth, we must submit to _____ laws and human authority.

Principle #2: _____.

“For the Lord's sake accept the authority of every human institution, whether of the emperor as supreme, or of governors, as sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.” (1 Peter 2:13-14)

Peter's focus here is on _____, and not just institutions.

We all live under _____ layers of authority, and it's very likely that we won't _____ for some of those people, nor the laws they pass.

Submit = *hypotasso* =

It's a military term that literally means _____.

Peter says that we're not only to obey “the king,” but also any “governors;” referring to all the various _____ of authority over us.

Every = *pas* =

Principle #3: _____.

“Conduct yourselves honourably among the Gentiles, so that, though they malign you as evildoers, they may see your honorable deeds and glorify God when he comes to judge.” (1 Peter 2:12)

There is a direct connection between the people in authority over us and God who is the _____ authority. They exist as they are and where they are by God's _____.

To say this, isn't to excuse or condone _____ or foolish behaviour; it simply means that those in authority cannot exist _____ from God.

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Romans 13:1)

Submission isn't primarily about us at all—it's about giving _____ to God.

“for the Lord's sake.” (13)

“the will of God.” (15)

“living as servants of God.” (16)

“mindful of God.” (19)

“a gracious thing in the sight of God.” (20)

We'll never fully grasp the importance of submission until we connect it to our _____ to Christ.

Once we see that the Lord is intimately _____ involved in every detail of our lives, we'll understand that obedience to authority is really obedience to _____; and we'll be able to give that obedience for His sake because we know

that He's with us and watching over us—even when we think the command we're obeying is foolish or _____.

“...put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.” (1 Peter 2:15)

Ignorance = *aphron* = doesn't just mean a lack of knowledge, but rather the willful, hostile _____ of the truth. We're never going to silence this hostility and win people to Jesus through _____ or political debate. Jesus went out of His way not to engage in _____ with the religious and political authorities of His day because He understood that doing so would've _____ Him from His task of seeking and saving the lost. We'd do well to follow His _____.

Principle #4: _____.
Freedom and submission are not mutually _____, but rather go hand in hand.

Scripture is clear that because of Jesus' _____ work on the cross we're free from sin, death, and all that would enslave us.

“So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed.” (John 8:36)

Scripture is also clear that as followers of Jesus, we're called to live lives of _____.

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls and will give an account...” (Hebrews 13:17)

There is no _____ here because it's all about our _____.

“As servants of God, live as free people, yet do not use your freedom as a pretext for evil.” (1 Peter 2:16)

FOUR COMMANDS THAT DEAL WITH HEART ATTITUDE

- “Honour everyone.” Even if they aren't _____.
- “Love the family of believers.” Even if they aren't _____.
- “Fear God.” A _____ of our faith.
- “Honour the emperor.” The most _____.

TWO DANGERS IN THE STRUGGLE TO SUBMIT

- **We _____ too much.**
“The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool comes to ruin.” Sometimes we just need to shut up. (Proverbs 10:8)
- **We make _____.** Peter warns us not to use our freedom as _____ for sin.

Do you submit to authority because you're afraid you'll get caught if you don't or in order to honour Jesus?

Principle #5: _____.

“...fear God.” (1 Peter 2:17)

There may be some occasions where the command to fear God takes _____ over the command to honour the authority over us.

While we may be rightly troubled over laws that permit, but which do not command, others to do what we believe is wrong—it doesn't give us the right to selectively _____ other laws.

“We must obey God rather than men.” (Acts 5:29)

“Let your unfailing love surround us, Lord, for our hope is in you alone.” (Ps 33:22)

Principle #6: _____.

“For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps...” (1 Peter 2:21)

The suffering of Jesus is to be our _____ to demonstrate both why submission is required in our lives and how we're to go about doing it.

“Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:5)

Jesus doesn't ask us to do anything that He isn't willing to _____ us to do; and the only way we can submit is through the _____ working in and through us.

When we find ourselves under an authority that we disagree with, or do not respect, we need to _____ for them. We need to _____ as best we can and at the same time, work for change. We need to remember that it's not about _____ and it's not about them; it's not about obeying someone else, or following a set of rules. It's a _____ issue between us and _____.

“Jesus saved me through His submission, so that I can serve Him through my submission.”