

Epistle of 1 Peter Bible Study Lesson 8

1 Peter 2:13-17 Questions

Honor Authority

Pray for the Lord to guide you through this study time. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17.

1. Using a thesaurus or dictionary, write down words that describe submission or submit.

2. Now write down antonyms (opposite meaning) for the words submission and submit.

3. From the beginning of creation man's natural reaction to the rule of God is resistance and rebellion not submission. Look up the following verses and right down your thoughts.

a. Adam and Eve - Genesis 2:16-17; 3:1-6

b. King Saul – 1 Samuel 15:1-3, 9-23

c. The Israelites - Deuteronomy 31:23-30; 32:6-9, 18, 28-29, 39

d. In the Last Days – Revelation 6:15-17; 9:20-21; 18:15, 19, 23-24; 19:1-9

4. We have seen in the above scriptures man's natural reaction to God's authority and rule. Look up these next Scriptures to see specific reasons why. Also write down any reasons you can recall from the above verses.

a. Psalm 2:1-3 _____

b. Psalm 14:1-3 _____

c. Psalm 36:1-4 _____

d. Romans 1:18-25 _____

5. Could we say that the submission problem stems from the leadership or from the people who are being ruled? Look up the following Scriptures to target the problem.

a. Jeremiah 5:23-24 _____

b. Matthew 15:17-20 _____

c. Hebrew 3:5-13 _____

6. In 1 Peter 2:13 how many human institutions does God tell us to submit?

7. How do you react or respond to God's authority and rule? We are either working for or against Him; there are no inbetweeners. As believers could we be

working against God's authority? Read 1 Peter 2:13-17 and write down everyday things in which you could be giving dishonor to God and His authority.

8. Who gives us our government and rulers? Who rules and oversees them right now? Daniel 2:21-23; 4:17; 7:13-14; Romans 13:1; Revelation 1:5-6; 19:15-16

9. Write down God's purpose for human institutions to rule over us. Are they worthy of praise to God? Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-3; 1 Peter 2:13-17

10. If our natural inclination to authority is to rebel against and dishonor it, what truths can we rely on to help us yield to authority. Look at the scriptures for help. Write down other scriptures you may have that help to have a submissive heart.

a. John 14:1-6 _____

b. Titus 3:3-8 _____

c. Hebrews 11:13-16 _____

d. 1 Peter 1:13-15 _____

d. 1 Peter 2:21-25 _____

11. In 1 Peter 2:16 Explain what Peter meant by believers “acting as free men, but don’t use their freedom for evil”. Paul wrote in Romans 15:13, “may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. God desires for all His children to know His presence through His Son Jesus Christ as His bondslaves.

a. John 8:36 _____

b. Romans 6:16-23 _____

c. Romans 8:1-15 _____

d. 2 Corinthians 3:4-6, 12-18 _____

12. In 1 Peter 2:15 what is the will of God? Explain what Peter means, “you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.” Do you have a Scripture or an example?

13. In conclusion Peter summarizes the call to submission to all authority into four applications of life. When we obey God’s Word it gives genuine credibility to our faith. Read Matthew 5:14-16 from Jesus’ Sermon on the Mount. How can your light shine before men? What does God desire in your life?

By Honoring All People? _____

By Loving the Brotherhood (the Church)? _____

By Fearing God (Reverence for Him)? _____

By Honoring the King? _____
