



#4 Called To Live Like Jesus In The Land Of Exile

We're From The Government, We're Here To Help You
1 Peter 2:13-25(ESV)

Our Temptation...

To use this passage as a **SUPPORT** rather than a **LIGHT**.

What is Peter's INTENTION?

1. He calls the elect exiles of dispersion to **GOOD WORKS**.

1 Peter 2:11-12 Beloved, I urge you as sojourners and exiles to abstain from the passions of the flesh, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

What is Peter's INSTRUCTION?

1. His instruction is for us as sojourners to live lives of **SUBMISSION**.

- **1 Peter 2:13** Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution . . .
- **1 Peter 2:18** Servants, be subject to your masters . . .
- **1 Peter 3:1** Likewise, wives, be subject to your own husbands . . .

What Does Peter say?

1. Submit to those in **POLITICAL OFFICE**.

- **1 Peter 1:13-17** Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. ¹⁵ For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. ¹⁶ Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. ¹⁷ Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

2. Submit to those in **THE WORKPLACE**.

- **1 Peter 1:18-20** Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. ¹⁹ For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. ²⁰ For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.

3. Submit, looking to **JESUS** as our **GREATEST EXAMPLE**.

- **1 Peter 1:21-25** For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps. ²² He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth. ²³ When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly. ²⁴ He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed. ²⁵ For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

When It Comes To Government Is There A Time For Defiance?

When Government is in direct opposition to **GOD'S WORD** then civil disobedience is **JUSTLY** called for!

For example . . .

- The Egyptian Midwives . . . **Exodus 1:15-17** Then the king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, ¹⁶ "When you serve as midwife to the Hebrew women and see them on the birthstool, if it is a son, you shall kill him, but if it is a daughter, she shall live." ¹⁷ But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.
- Hananiah, Mishaël, and Azariah . . . **Daniel 3:16-18** Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. ¹⁷ If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. ¹⁸ But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.
- Daniel . . . **Daniel 6:10, 21-22** When Daniel knew that the document had been signed, he went to his house where he had windows in his upper chamber open toward Jerusalem. He got down on his knees three times a day and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as he had done previously. . . ²¹ Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever! ²² My God sent his angel and shut the lions' mouths, and they have not harmed me, because I was found blameless before him. . .
- Peter and John . . . **Acts 4:1-3, 18-20** And as they were speaking to the people, the priests and the captain of the temple and the Sadducees came upon them, ² greatly annoyed because they were teaching the people and proclaiming in Jesus the resurrection from the dead. ³ And they arrested them and put them in custody until the next day. . . ¹⁸ So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered them, whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge, ²⁰ for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.
- Martin Luther King's letter from a Birmingham Jail . . .

**Are You Living In This Temporary World
With The Heart Of A Sojourner?
When The World Looks At You Do They See Jesus?**

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