



Part One

Romans 13:1-5 (NLT) Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. ²So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished. ³For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you. ⁴The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. ⁵So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience.

A couple of assumptions:

1. Every command of God is more about what God wants **FOR** us than what He wants **FROM** us!
2. **God's way** (in EVERY situation) is ALWAYS the **BEST** way!

1 Peter 5:6 (NIV) Humble yourselves, therefore, under God's mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time.

2 Chronicles 30:7-8a (NIV) Do not be like your fathers and brothers, who were unfaithful to the LORD, the God of their fathers, so that he made them an object of horror, as you see. ⁸Do not be stiff-necked, as your fathers were; submit to the LORD.

1 Peter 2:18 (NIV) Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.

Colossians 3:22-24 (NIV) Slaves, obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor, but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord. ²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

5 points to help you put this to work:

1. Submission doesn't mean **having to agree**
2. You must learn to **correctly express your disagreement**

Romans 13:7 (NLT) Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.

3. If you still disagree, **make the choice** to get under what God's put over you
4. **Learn to determine** when things are worth expressing and when you should **keep your opinion to yourself** and just do what you've been asked to do
5. There may be times when you **shouldn't submit or obey** your boss..

Acts 5:41 (NIV) The apostles left the Sanhedrin, rejoicing because they had been counted worthy of suffering disgrace for the Name.

2 Corinthians 1:5 (NLT) For the more we suffer for Christ, the more God will shower us with his comfort through Christ.

James 1:2-4 (NIV) Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ⁴Perseverance must finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.

Colossians 4:1 (NIV) Masters, provide your slaves with what is right and fair, because you know that you also have a Master in heaven.

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