



An Inheritance

Heirs Who Submit: Part 1 (the World)

1 Peter 2:13-25

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We Submit Out of Love for God - 1 Peter 2:13-17

- This letter explains to us how we are heirs to a vast inheritance and how to live as heirs.
- Peter focuses on two things a lot through this letter: suffering and submission.
- As followers of Jesus we should submit to every authority instituted among men as long as it doesn't contradict with God's law, as found in Scripture.
- We do not live in the first century where people are trying to kill us, but we do live in a culture that continues to be hostile toward the biblical idea of submission.
- We see submission as a weakness that prevents us from having and doing things that we think are best for our own lives.
- Biblical submission is not about winning, losing or being in control.

Hypotasso - original Greek word for "submit".

- **Hypo** means "under" and **tasso** means "to place, to appoint".

Submission is a choice, a conscious decision, to place yourself under the will of another.

- Not because the authorities in power deserve it; not because they are acting responsibly or even morally.
- We don't just submit to those who act responsibly or deserve our respect.
- Biblical submission reflects the depth of your faith and love for God, as you submit your will to His in how you treat others.
- Submission in turn silences your critics.

We Submit, Even When It Hurts - 1 Peter 2:18-25

- The message of submission in 1 Peter is about our willingness to choose to defer to anyone in any position of authority - not because they deserve it, that's irrelevant - but because God wants it, and deserves it.

What would it look like for you this week to submit wholeheartedly to all those in authority in your life?

If you are willing to take these words of Scripture seriously, then join me in a little test.

- Try to practice genuinely and wholeheartedly, respectfully submitting to all authority God has placed over you, without reservation.
- If it doesn't call for you to break God's law in any way, follow it.
- How do you think you will do?
- Where will you struggle? What do you think you will discover about yourself?