

Submission to Authority is Respect for God

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The teaching to slaves is consistent.

**Luke 6:27-36 1 Peter 2:18-25 Ephesians 6:5-8
Colossians 3:22-25 1 Timothy 6:1-2 Titus 2:9-10**

What can we learn from God's instructions to slaves?

1. We must submit to all authority with respect due that office.

- A. Submission and respect must be given to those who deserve it and those who do not. Vs 18
- B. Submission and respect are to be given for the Lord's sake. Vs 19

2. We must be willing to endure injustice with grace if we want to please God.

- A. There is no reward for suffering that is deserved. Vs 20
- B. We please God when we suffer graciously because of injustice. Vs 20

3. We must follow the example of Christ.

- A. He was sinless. We are to avoid sin. Vs 11, 22
- B. When insulted, he did not retaliate. We are not to get even. Vs 23
- C. He entrusted Himself to the judgment of His Father. We must fully trust in the Father's justice. Vs 23
- D. He suffered unjustly for us.
 - 1. So that we could be free of sin and its death sentence.
 - 2. Free to pursue righteousness. Vs 24
 - 3. By His wounds we are healed. Vs 24
- E. He is now our protector, shepherd and overseer. Therefore, His request is not unreasonable.