

**HOW ARE WE TO BEHAVE IN AN UNGODLY WORLD?**  
**PART 1: BEHAVIOR IN RELATION TO GOVERNING AUTHORITIES**  
**Submit, obey, honor, pray**  
**1 Peter 2:13-17**

- I. **CONTINUALLY SUBMIT TO AND OBEY ALL HUMAN AUTHORITY** so that Lord might open the door for redemptive opportunities (13-16)
- A. **The command to be obeyed:** Submit to every human institution (13-14, Titus 3, Rom. 13)
  
  - B. **The reasoning to be remembered:** Submit because the Lord uses our obedience to silence and save unbelievers (15)
    - 1. For the Lord's sake (13)
  
    - 2. God has instituted governing authorities (Rom 13)
  
    - 3. PRIMARILY because He uses our obedience to His will to move in the hearts of nonbelievers (15, 12)
  
  - C. **Do we submit in everything?** (Daniel, Acts 5)
  
  - D. **A warning to be heeded:** Our freedom in Christ does not free us to sin (i.e. reject or dishonor earthy authorities, but it frees us to obey and serve the Lord (16)
- II. **SUBMIT WITH THE RIGHT ATTITUDE: HONORING ALL MEN**, especially the king, yet not over elevating above brothers in Christ and God (17)
- III. **PRAYING FOR ALL**, especially governing authorities (1 Tim. 2:1-6)