

Silencing & Winning Civil Authorities

Text: 1 Peter 2:13-17

Main Idea: By submitting to the government, believing citizens give *genuine credibility* to their faith & the Gospel!

1. We are commanded to honor the Lord by _____ to every level of government. (v. 13-15)

- Because civil authority is _____ by God. (Romans 13:1-7)
- Because civil authorities execute _____ for God.
- Because civil authorities will be _____ by our good deeds. (Titus 3:1-3)

2. We are commanded to live as _____ citizens, & yet _____ of God. (v. 16-17)

- Our freedom must not be used as a license for _____.
- Our freedom must be used to faithfully _____.
 - 1) By _____ all men: Respect & esteem all citizens!
 - 2) By _____ the brotherhood: Especially care & look out for fellow believers!
 - 3) By _____ God: Trust God in all circumstances no matter how difficult.
 - 4) By _____ the King: Respecting the highest authority!