

Silencing the Critics - Godly Citizenship Pt 2

1 Peter 2:13c-17

Introduction:

Godly Living – is a life in action that honors God in all things regardless of the situation, audience, or location. It is the active outward testimony of the inward change of a life in Christ Jesus.

“We are Aliens, Citizens, and Servants...”

These are the perspectives the watching world will view us from.

The 6 Elements of Submission:

- 1st Element is the Command – Submit yourselves v.13a
- 2nd Element is the Motive – For the Lord’s sake v.13b

I. **3rd Element is The Extent of Submission v.13c-14**

- a. We are to submit to every human institution
 - i. That means every enterprise of man on earth which seeks to maintain order in society Rom 13:1
 - ii. Civil Government is the work of God
- b. That includes even when we have bad judges and leaders – For God judges all Isa 3:1-2,8
 - i. This is not the first time there has been bad judges and leaders
- c. This includes Leadership at any Level
 - i. The King or governors
- d. The Basic Purpose of Government v.14b
 - i. For the punishment of evil doers and the praise of those who do right Rom 13:3
 - ii. They carry the sword for punishment Rom 13:4
 - iii. We are to submit to the law

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- II. 4th Element is The Reason for Submission v.15**
 - a. For it is the will of God
 - b. God wants His people to be submissive
 - c. By doing right we silence the ignorant
 - i. We muzzle, gag, remove the words from their mouth
 - d. They are also foolish – meaning they're senseless without reason.

- III. 5th Element is The Attitude of Submission v.16**
 - a. We are to act as free men
 - i. We are free from the world
 - ii. We are free from condemnation
 - iii. We are free from sin Rom 6:6-7
 - b. We are not use our freedom as justification for disobedience to government
 - c. We are to be a Bondslave to God – which is the lowest level of servitude 1 Cor 7:22

- IV. 6th Element is The Application of Submission v.17**
 - a. This is our Citizenship Theology
 - i. We are to Honor All Men – Gen 1:26
 - ii. We are to love the brotherhood
 - iii. We are to fear God
 - iv. We are to honor the king