

1 Peter: Elect Exiles
Principles for Obeying Human Authorities in Our Life
1 Peter 2:13

“For the Lord’s sake, submit to all human authority” (1 Peter 2:13).

Primary point: The mere preferences of your legitimate human authorities are the Lord’s commands.

A) Focus on the rule, not the exceptions (2:18; 3:1, 5-6)

B) The mere preferences of your legitimate human authorities are the Lord’s commands
(Eph 5:22, 24)

C) Trust & please God with the difficulties of submitting to human authorities
(1 Pet 2:18-21; 3:1, 4-6; Rom 13:1-2)
Our submission to legitimate human authorities is to be unconditional.

D) Exceptions to the rule for illegitimate human authorities

Exception #1: When a human authority gives direction that violates Scripture then God wants you to disobey them and obey Him. (Exod 1:15-21; Daniel, Acts 5:29)

Exception #2: When a human authority gives direction that violates your conscience (something you believe would displease or dishonor God), then God wants you to honor your conscience.

E) Principles for submitting to human authorities

- 1) Appeal, but yield.
- 2) You generally have the right to choose your authorities.
- 3) You have the right to appeal to a higher authority if your authority is doing something to hurt you or others.
- 4) You usually have the freedom and opportunity to leave illegitimate authorities.
- 5) A child who is financially dependent on their parents needs to respect even their preferences.

- Homework- Seek to know and respect the preferences of your human authorities.