

# Why should we submit to the Authorities?

1 Peter 2:13-25

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# Introduction

- Even when we are mistreated by the authorities, we should submit to them because all authority is delegated by God to rule. It is honorable to God. It proves that we are good citizens and employees. It also proves that we are following the example of Jesus Christ our Lord.

# All authorities are delegated by God.

- Bible teaches us that all authorities in this world are established by God. 1Pe 2:13; Roman 13:1 and Daniel 4:32-33.
- All authorities are a delegated authority. Only God has the supreme authority.

# It is honorable to God

We should obey them because:

- When we submit to the authorities, even when they are wrong, we honor God. 1Pe 13-20 and Roman 13:2.
- Example of king David 1 Sam 24
- When we dishonor the delegated authority, we dishonor God.

**It proves that we are a good citizen.**

- When we obey the authorities, it is a proof that we are good citizens.
- A good citizen obeys the laws of the land.
- Pay taxes. Roman 13:6-7 and Matthew 22:15-22
- Fulfill your civic duties.
- Do not misuse your freedom. Vs16

**It proves that we are a good employee.**

- 1 Pe 1:18 says “ Slaves, submit yourselves to your masters with respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh.” Peter says, it is commendable.
- Let us also look at Ephesians 6:5-9.

**It means we are following the example of  
Jesus Christ.**

- When we obey the authority even when they mistreat us, we are modeling Christ like behavior.
- He did not retaliate when they hurled insult at Him. 1Pe 1:23

# Exception to this principle

- When human authority ask you to do something which is against the Word of God, you can respectfully say no to the human authority.
- Biblical example Daniel, his fiends and apostles in the New Testament. Daniel chapter 3 and 6; Acts 4:18-20



# CONCLUSION

- We should obey all authorities because all the authorities in the world are established by God. When we submit to the them, it proves that we are good citizens, employees and followers of Jesus Christ.