

### LIVING WITH INTEGRITY TOWARD OUR GOVERNMENT

Peter gives some direction on how we are to act to our governing authorities...

#### I. OUR \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Peter 2:13-14 **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.**

- We are to \_\_\_\_\_ the civil authorities!
- The word submit in the Greek means to \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 13:1 *Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities...*

Titus 3:1 *Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient...*

Acts 4:19 *But Peter and John replied, "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God.*

#### II. OUR \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Peter 2:15 **For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.**

Paul's reasons to obey authorities (Romans 13:1-5)...

1. Because \_\_\_\_\_ established the authority.  
*Romans 13:1 Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established.*
2. It's for my \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Romans 13:3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong.*
3. To keep a \_\_\_\_\_.  
*Romans 13:5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.*

Peter's fourth reason... To maintain a \_\_\_\_\_

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#### III. OUR \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Peter 2:16 **Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.**

Realize our \_\_\_\_\_

Romans 8:2 **because through Christ Jesus the law of the Spirit of life set me free from the law of sin and death.**

Remember our \_\_\_\_\_!

Even though we are being persecuted remember that we are \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

Galatians 5:13 **You, my brothers, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the sinful nature; rather, serve one another in love.**

Jude 1:4 **For certain men whose condemnation was written about long ago have secretly slipped in among you. They are godless men, who change the grace of our God into a license for immorality and deny Jesus Christ our only Sovereign and Lord.**

Christian freedom does not mean being free to do as we \_\_\_\_\_: it means being free to do as we \_\_\_\_\_!

#### IV. OUR \_\_\_\_\_!

1 Peter 2:17 **Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.**

How should we act toward others?

1. Show \_\_\_\_\_ to those around us.
2. \_\_\_\_\_ our fellow believers.
3. Have a healthy \_\_\_\_\_ for God.
4. Give \_\_\_\_\_ to the President.