

Not Home Yet: A Study of 1 Peter

Honor – 2:13-17 (page 1015)

We live as exiles with a new identity, a new community, and a new priority—but what does this look like in our daily life choices? In this passage, Peter explores the tricky question of how believers should relate to government and clearly admonishes: “Show your devotion to God by winsome and wise submission to human government.”

Two Key Commands:

(1) We submit to all because of the Lord (vv. 13-16)

The Focused Directive (vv. 13-14)

The Motivation for Submitting (vv. 15-16)

(2) We honor all in the fear of the Lord (v. 17)

“Honor all”

“Fear only God”

“Love the brotherhood”

Reflection and Action: Select one or more of the following areas to target for improvement in your life related to human government: 1) Basic civil obedience; 2) “Honoring” behavior toward leaders; 3) Charitable interactions with other believers; 4) Ultimate devotion to God as supreme King.