The Christian and Showing Honor

Greg Kline · 1 Peter 2:13–17

INTRODUCTION

- Consider of all of God's commandments, which ones stand out the most?
- I think sometimes honor is lost in our society.
- I want to see that the Bible says that Christians are to show honor, as verse 17 says to everyone.

1 Honor Everyone: Created in the Image of God

Genesis 1:26–27; Psalm 100:3; Isaiah 44:24

- So God created man in his own image. In the image of God, he created them. Male and female, he created them.
- What a blessing. What a privilege. And yes, what an honor to be created in the image of God.
- It is He who made us, and we are His. We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.
- We are uniquely made as children of God. And that means that I and you deserve a special honor from one another as we are God's children.

2 The Christian and the Government: Submit and Honor

Romans 13:1–7; Romans 12:1–2

- Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God.
- Pay to all what is owed to them, taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed. Honor to whom honor is owed.
- We need to submit to, yes, but we need to honor our leaders.
- To honor, what does that word mean then? To give respect. To place a high value, to revere.
- It was Nero who Paul was under when he wrote the book of Romans.

3 The Exception: We Must Obey God Rather Than Men

Acts 5:27–32

- Peter and the apostles answered, We must obey God rather than man.
- That exception does not extend to I disagree with this tax policy.
- We don't have to agree to submit.
- Paul doesn't say if you like him. Paul doesn't say if you voted for him. Peter says, honor the emperor.

4 The Why: Authorities Are Appointed by God

Romans 13:1–4; Daniel 2:20–21; Isaiah 10:5–12

- Here's the why in verse 1. Because there is no authority except from God.
- He changes times and seasons. He removes kings and sets up kings.
- Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger. The staff in their hands is my fury.

- God has shown in the Old Testament time and time again, he appoints who he will.
- If we thought of our leaders as appointed by God, I would hope that would dramatically change our reaction to them.

5 By Doing Good, Put to Silence Foolish People

1 Peter 2:13–17; Romans 13:2

- For this is the will of God. But note number two that by doing good, you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.
- But we need to be submissive. And if we are, people will notice.
- If I'm involved in all the slander and all the crossfire, I look no different from the world, and I'm supposed to be transformed by the renewal of my mind.
- Honoring everyone, not just the emperor.
- Those who resist will incur judgment.

> THE CHALLENGE
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> **Let's not give up on our leaders, because we don't want God to give up on us. If God can appoint men to lead over us and he is behind them, we should be too.**

MY NOTES