



Five Key Words for Every Believer

Submitting

Key Word #5 - 1 Peter 2:13-25

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Review

Key Word #1 - Growing (Depend on Christ, Deal with Sin, Desire the Word, Delight in the Lord)

Key Word #2 - Building (Its foundation is Christ; its superstructure are the believers (duty/privilege))

Key Word #3 - Sacrificing (Our past is dark, despised, and dead; our future is great (Jesus picked us, let us in, set us apart, shows us off, lets us speak of what He has done, and lights us up. *We are His possession—We belong to God!*))

Key Word #4 - Abstaining (We are dearly-loved by God, soldiers in a spiritual battle and witnesses to the lost.)

STUDY SECTION

Key Word #5 - Submitting

A Word about our Duties as Royal Priests

1. The Reason for Respect and Submission.

STUDY VERSE SECTION - 1 Peter 2:13, NASB95 - ¹³ Submit [Gk: *hupotassō*, lit., to arrange, in formation and rank, under the commander (a military term)] yourselves for the Lord's sake [lit., per His request or "as unto the Lord," as our Amish friends say] to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority,...

A. The Command "Submit...to every...authority." - v. 13

B. The Promise "...for this finds favor..." - v. 19

C. The Reason "...for the sake of conscience toward God [lit., we are aware of what God sees as right and wrong in light of all time] a person bears up under sorrows when suffering unjustly." - v. 18

- Sometimes we suffer for no apparent reason.
- Sometimes we suffer because of mistakes/sins we have made.
- Sometimes we suffer unjustly because of other people's mistakes/sins.

2. The Requirement of Respect and Submission.

A. To Civil Authorities

1 Peter 2:13–16, NLT - ¹³ For the Lord's sake, submit to all human authority—whether the king as head of state, ¹⁴ or the officials he has appointed. For the king has sent them to punish those who do wrong and to honor those who do right. ¹⁵ It is God's will that your honorable lives should silence those ignorant people who make foolish accusations against you. ¹⁶ For you are free, yet you are God's slaves, so don't use your freedom as an excuse to do evil.

B. To Employers (ie., "masters")

1 Peter 2:18–20, NLT - ¹⁸ You who are slaves must submit to your masters with all respect. Do what they tell you—not only if they are kind and reasonable, but even if they are cruel. ¹⁹ For God is pleased when, conscious of His will, you patiently endure unjust treatment. ²⁰ Of course, you get no credit for being patient if you are beaten for doing wrong. But if you suffer for doing good and endure it patiently, God is pleased with you.

C. To Everyone

1 Peter 2:17, NLT - ¹⁷ Respect everyone, and love the family of believers. Fear God, and respect the king.

3. The Role Model for Respect and Submission.

A. Who He is—our Sinless Sacrifice.

1 Peter 2:21–22, NLT - ²¹ For God called you to do good, even if it means suffering, just as Christ suffered for you. He is your example, and you must follow in his steps. ²² He never sinned, nor ever deceived anyone.

B. What He did—He died on the cross.

1 Peter 2:23–24a, NLT - ²³ He did not retaliate when He was insulted, nor threaten revenge when He suffered. He left His case in the hands of God, who always judges fairly. ²⁴ He personally carried our sins in His body on the cross so that we can be dead to sin and live for what is right.

C. Why He did it—to save us.

1 Peter 2:24b–25, NLT - ²⁴ ...By His wounds you are healed. ²⁵ Once you were like sheep who wandered away. But now you have turned to your Shepherd, the Guardian of your souls.

Jesus is our... Example on earth • Substitute in death • Shepherd in heaven!