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- I. Submission to government authority (2:13-17)
- II. Submission to authority in the workplace (2:18-25)
- III. Submission in marriage - wives to husbands, husbands to God's command to love their wives (3:1-7)

submission

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**Submission to Difficult Bosses:
Lessons from the Cross**
1 Peter 2:18-25

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Relationship Matters

God

People

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Theme

Christians must respectfully submit to authority in the workplace because Christ has left us an example of submission.

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1 Peter 2:18-25

- I. Christians must respectfully submit to authority in the workplace (vv. 18-20)

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2 Timothy 3:16-17

All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: that the man of God may be perfect (mature, competent), thoroughly furnished (equipped) unto all good works.

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“subject” is a military expression literally meaning to arrange in formation under the commander.

“with all fear” = “with all respect”

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 - C. We submit to the “froward” (v. 18c)

ESV - “unjust”

NASB - “unreasonable”

NIV - “harsh”

NLT - “cruel”

Amplified - “overbearing, unjust and crooked”

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Cross references

Ephesians 6:5-8

Colossians 3:22-25

Titus 2:9-10

1 Timothy 6:1-2

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Points of clarification

- This does not mean that we cannot change jobs.
- This does not mean that we cannot appeal to or disagree with our boss on an issue.
- We are not obliged to submit if our boss tells us to sin.
- We need not submit to unlawful behaviour.

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1 Peter 2:19

For this is thankworthy (**ESV** "this is a gracious thing"), if a man for conscience toward God endure grief, suffering wrongfully.

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1 Peter 2:20a

For what glory is it, if, when ye be buffeted (beaten) for your faults, ye shall take it patiently?

1 Peter 2:20b

But if, when ye do well, and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.

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- II. Christ has left us an example of submission (vv. 21-25)
 - A. Christ's example was exemplary (vv. 21-23)

1 Peter 2:21

For even hereunto were ye called...

Suffering is part of the Christian's calling!

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1 Peter 2:21

...because Christ also suffered for us...

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1 Peter 2:21

...leaving us an example, that ye should follow His steps.

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1 Peter 2:22

Who did no sin, neither was guile (deceit) found in His mouth.

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1 Peter 2:23a

Who, when He was reviled, reviled not again; when He suffered, He threatened not...

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Matthew 26:53 (ESV)

Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and He will at once send me more than twelve legions (72,000) of angels?

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1 Peter 2:23b

...but committed *Himself* to Him that judgeth righteously.

NASB - "kept entrusting Himself"

ESV - "continued entrusting Himself"

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"Father, I trust you."

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When Jesus was on the cross, He **continually entrusted** Himself to the heavenly Father.

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1 Peter 2:24

Who His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, being dead to sins, should live unto righteousness: by whose stripes ye are healed.

1 Peter 2:25

For ye were as sheep going astray; but are now returned unto the Shepherd and Bishop of your souls.

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1 Peter 2:12

...they may **by your good works** which they shall behold, glorify God in the **day of visitation**.

Day of visitation = initial conversion of a believer

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