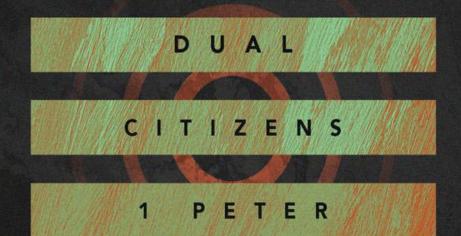




How Should Christians Respond to Authority?





1 Peter 2:11-12

¹¹ Dear friends, I urge you, as foreigners and exiles, to abstain from sinful desires, which wage war against your soul. ¹² Live such good lives among the pagans that, though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us.

Teaching Context 1) Live as Dual Citizens.

2) Be a lighthouse.





Spheres of Application1) Civil Authority2) Domestic Authority



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1 Peter 2:13-17

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human authority: whether to the emperor, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish people.

1 Peter 2:13-17

¹⁶ Live as free people, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as God's slaves. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone, love the family of believers, fear God, honor the emperor.

God is the AUTHOR of authority. v.14 sent by God to punish evil and praise what is good.



Display your submission to the Lord THROUGH your submission to civil authority. v.13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake









We submit to human authority EXCEPT when it means compromising God's authority.









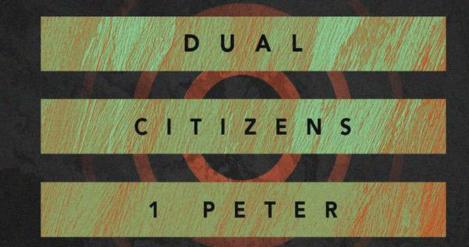
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Domestic Authority: Slaves/Bond-Servants





1 Peter 2:18-20

¹⁸ Slaves, in reverent fear of God submit yourselves to your masters, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to those who are harsh. ¹⁹ For it is commendable if someone bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because they are conscious of God.

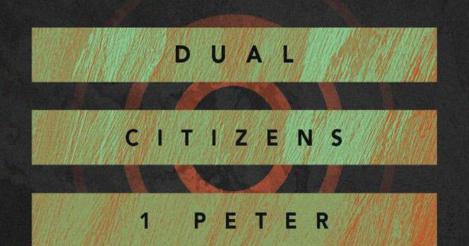
1 Peter 2:18-20 ²⁰ But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God.

Domestic Authority: Servant/Master relationship in 1st Century Roman Culture

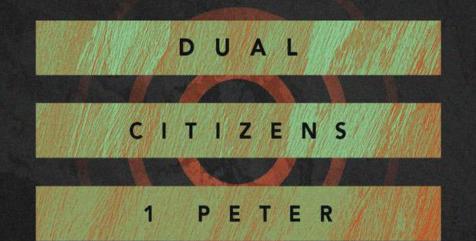


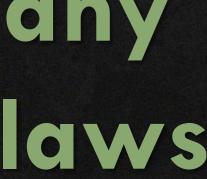


Response to Masters v.18 Submit v.19 Bear up under suffering v.20 Do good v.20 Endure v.22-23 Do not retaliate

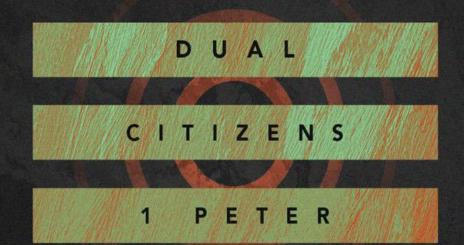


Stand against any dehumanizing laws and practices. Advocate for Justice.





Submit to and respect those who hold positions of authority in your life.



1 Peter 2:21-25

²¹ To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps. 22 "He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth." ²³ When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly.

1 Peter 2:21-25 ²⁴ "He himself bore our sins" in his body on the cross, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; "by his wounds you have been healed." ²⁵ For "you were like sheep going astray," but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.