

I Peter 2:13-25  
Study Questions

1. Verses 11 and 12 lay the foundation for a believer's behavior in a variety of social relationships. What major area is addressed beginning in verse 13?
2. What attitude does Peter command? See Proverbs 24:21; Jer 29:7 How do we put this into practice in daily life? See 1 Tim 2:1-2; Titus 3:1; Matt 22:17-21. Why do believers obey civil leaders? Compare verse 13 with Romans 13:1-7 and Eph 5:21, 6:7-8. How does the civil obedience of believers illustrate their submission to God? What are the obligations of civil leaders?
3. Why would the Roman government of Peter's day have seemingly made it easy to DISOBEY this command? How was this government like that of Daniel 3: 5-6? What is the only time believers are free to disobey the civil government? See Daniel 3: 16-18 and Acts 5:29.
4. Why did Peter mention the master-slave relationship in verses 18-20? Does this mean Peter is endorsing slavery as an institution? What are some of the differences between Roman slavery and what was practiced earlier in America's history? In terms of biblical principles, how does this help us think about the relationship between employer and employee?
5. According to verse 18, what should motivate the American worker? What would that look like in terms of effort? Honesty? Good attitude? Does a believer's work ethic depend upon how easy it is to work for the boss? What happens if the boss is inconsiderate? See Ephesians 6:5-8 and Colossians 3:22-25.
6. How is a believer's response to mistreatment in the workplace part of their Christian testimony? See verse 21 and Luke 9:23-25. What role does the life of Christ play in the life of the mistreated believer? See verses 21-23 and 1 John 2:6. Where do we see the anger of the wicked of verse 23 at its greatest in the life of Jesus?
7. Christ's suffering was *redemptive*. By yielding to Him, we are spiritually changed. However, the process of yielding must be a regular experience—a *pattern* for the believer. When/how have you experienced something verse 25 and Luke 23:46, Acts 7:59 and 2 Tim 1:12 in your life?
8. What helps you stay focused in these times of trouble? Also, are there any Bible verses that you could share with your group that help you with this?