

Submit to the State

1 Peter 02:13–17

1 *Submit to national and local officials*

- a. Because they are sent by God
- b. Because they execute justice for God
- c. Because good behaviour silences the critics of Christ

2 *Live as free citizens, yet as servants of God*

- a. Respect everyone
- b. Love the brotherhood
- c. Reverence God
- d. Honour the king

13 Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, 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 men.

16 Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God.

17 Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honour the king.