

Sermon Notes

Submit to Your Bosses

1 Peter 2:18-20

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Text sermon questions, during the sermon, to (602) 824-8030

Review of 2:13a **Submit to every human authority-system, because of the Lord.**

To submit is to follow those in the authority position, who lead us - follow their directions, instructions, their rules or laws.

2:18 **Employees, be subject to *your* bosses, with all fear.**

Submit not only to *those who are good and gentle, but also to those who are crooked* - unethical, and/or harsh or inconsiderate.

This applies to students with teachers or school administrators.

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2:19 **For this is grace, if because of conscientiousness toward God, someone suffering unjustly bears affliction.**

We each need to make the decision if we are willing to sacrifice our comfort and 'happiness', to possibly be part of achieving something significant for the Lord.

2:20 **If when you do good and are suffering, you endure it, this finds grace from God.**

Do you submit to your bosses or teachers, following their directions, instructions, rules?

What do you want to change with regard to your behavior?

Are you willing to sacrifice your comfort and happiness, to possibly be part of achieving something significant for the Lord?

What is your response to this? Discuss it with someone today.

Suggested related reading: Ephesians 6:5-8, Colossians 3:22-24

Application questions for 11/5/17 sermon

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(Try to have everyone answer this question.)

What is something that in the last couple months you have said you wanted to work on, and how are you doing with that?

(If you did the questions from the Oct. 29 sermon, you already answered this, so skip it.)

How have you understood “submission”? What does it mean, and maybe more important, what does it look like in relationships/institutions? How has your understanding changed?

Why should we submit to our bosses?

Talk about some outcomes, either ones you have seen or ones you can imagine, of what God might achieve in someone else’s life or in your life, because someone submitted to their boss.

If your boss is unethical and/or harsh, why might God want you to submit to him/her?

Are you willing to sacrifice your comfort and happiness, to possibly be part of achieving something significant for the Lord? And if so, what do you need to speak to yourself, remind yourself of, to continue to do this?

(Make sure to make it to this question, and try to have everyone answer.)

What behavior do you want to change to submit to your bosses (or teachers) - following their directions, instructions, rules?

What are some ways God might and could bless you, reward you, for being willing to do what He wants in a hard situation, like submitting to a bad boss?

Do your kids need to hear this message, either by listening to the sermon themselves, or by a conversation from you, or both? What is the message you want them to understand?

Do you have a question for the group? It might be something you don't understand that others could help with, or something you think should be covered that hasn't.