

# The Christian and their Government

1 Peter 2:13-17

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**1 Peter 2:12** Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation.

1. As Christians, we fight \_\_\_\_\_ with God's love and goodness.

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**1 Peter 2:13** Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

2. As Christians, our natural position is one of \_\_\_\_\_ to civil authorities.

3. As Christians, we always obey God and his Word \_\_\_\_\_ civil authorities.

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**1 Peter 2:15** For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

4. As Christians, we do so much good that we \_\_\_\_\_ our critics.

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**1 Peter 2:16** Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

5. As Christians, your freedom in Christ doesn't give you \_\_\_\_\_ to sin.

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**1 Peter 2:17** Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God.

Honor the emperor.

6. As Christians, our goal isn't to win the argument; it's to win the \_\_\_\_\_.

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[Verses related to the Christian and their government: Pr. 24:21-22, Matt. 22:15-22, Rom. 13:1-7, 1 Tim. 2:1-4, Titus 3:1-2]

## Discussion Questions

1. How have you observed the evangelistic power of godly conduct?
2. What authorities in your life are difficult to obey?
3. How should you handle an authority telling you to sin?
4. Where is the Lord calling you to "bring so much good" to a difficult situation?
5. What does it mean to honor everyone?
6. Is there anyone you need to do a better job of honoring/loving?