

## The Hardest Doctrine

1 Peter 2:13-17

What is the hardest doctrine in the Bible? If you mean, “*What is the hardest doctrine to obey?*” I think it’s the doctrine of **submission**. The problem is not hard to see. Most of us don’t like giving up the right to make decisions for ourselves, and we don’t like someone else telling us what to do. Our text is God’s answer to the anti-authority spirit dividing our nation in so many ways. These five verses give us a framework for understanding how Christians should relate to the various “**circles of authority**” in which we live. Here are five simple points from our text...

**I. The Principle—Submit to All \_\_\_\_\_ v13-14**  
The word “submit” literally means... “**to get in line.**”

**II. The Inner Reason—For the \_\_\_\_\_ Sake v13**  
There is a direct connection between the people in authority over us and God who is the Ultimate Authority. Romans 13:1-2; Luke 6:46

**III. The Outer Reason—To \_\_\_\_\_ Foolish People v15**

**IV. The Motivation—Submission Brings \_\_\_\_\_ v16**  
Most people think freedom and submission are opposites. At that point, there are two dangers we face:

- A) We will \_\_\_\_\_ to much. Proverbs 10:8
- B) We will begin to make \_\_\_\_\_.

**V. The Application—All People Deserve \_\_\_\_\_ v17**

### Four Lessons Learned

- 1) God continually puts us in \_\_\_\_\_ places because that’s where we learn to grow.
- 2) submission is an \_\_\_\_\_, and so is rebellion.
- 3) if those over you seem to be fools or worse...  
\_\_\_\_\_ for them... \_\_\_\_\_ them as much as you can...  
**Don’t** speak \_\_\_\_\_ of them...  
**Show** them \_\_\_\_\_ in how you treat them...  
and... *with civility*... **WORK FOR** \_\_\_\_\_!
- 4) if you are told to do wrong... \_\_\_\_\_!  
Submission is not an excuse for violating God’s commandments. Just make sure it’s God’s commandments being violated and not your personal preferences. Above all, avoid a rebellious spirit.

I’m praying America turns to God. Will you join me? Because America will never turn to God until we make 2 Chron. 7:14 a reality.