

LESSON 4
IT'S THE LAW
1 PETER 2:13—3:7



1 What are some laws that people commonly break?

2 Why do people disobey the law?



Read 1 Peter 2:13—3:7 and the following notes:

☐ 2:13–17 ☐ 2:18–21

3 What is our responsibility toward authority (2:13, 14)?

4 Why does God want us to accept/submit to those in authority (2:15, 19–21)?

Peter’s audience lived under harsh authority. This created a natural question: Should Christians obey these authorities? For Peter’s original audience that question is even more understandable since the Roman authorities clashed with Christians over the issue of loyalty. Peter’s answer was simple: All authority is from God, so we must obey the authorities that are over us. The Lord Jesus himself gave us the perfect example of how to submit to authority. When we reject those over us, we are ultimately rejecting God’s hand on our life. When we obey, we affirm the fact that God oversees our life. Your life too is being overseen by authorities that God has put in place.



5 Why do people rebel against authority?

6 Why is it important for us to obey those in authority over us?

7 What is the value of submitting to authority?

8 When might it be right and good to disobey authority?



9 What type of authority is most difficult for you to obey (parents, government, employer, church, etc.)?

10 To what authorities do you need to show greater respect?

11 How do you need to be more submissive to ruling authorities?

12 How can you combat the temptation to disobey those over you?



13 What has an authority in your life told you to do that you should be doing?

14 When and how can you carry out the instructions you've been putting off?

A Why should we endure unjust suffering (2:18–21)? In what situation have you suffered unjustly? What would be the best response in this situation?

B What does it mean that we have been “called” to suffer (2:21)? How might you consciously answer this calling?

C What does it mean for a wife to accept her husband's authority (3:1)? How can a wife's actions contribute to family harmony? What are your responsibilities to your spouse?

D How can a husband give his wife honor (3:7)? What are your responsibilities to your spouse?

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