

Submission to Rulers and Masters (Even Harsh Ones)

SUBMIT

hupeiko NT:5226, "to retire, withdraw" (hupo, under, eiko, "to yield"), hence, "to yield, submit," is used metaphorically in Heb 13:17, of "submitting" to spiritual guides in the churches.

1 Peter 2:1-3; 13-25

*2:1 Therefore, rid yourselves of all malice and all deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander of every kind. 2 Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may **grow up** in your salvation, 3 now that you have tasted that the Lord is good.*

*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, honor the king.*

*18 Slaves, **submit** yourselves to your masters with all respect, not only to those who are good and considerate, but also to **those who are harsh**. 19 For it is commendable if a man bears up under the pain of unjust suffering because he is conscious of God. 20 But how is it to your credit if you receive a beating for doing wrong and endure it? But if you suffer for doing good and you endure it, this is commendable before God. 21 To this you were called, because Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example, that you should follow in his steps.*

*22 "He committed no sin,
and no deceit was found in his mouth."*

*23 When they hurled their insults at him, he did not retaliate; when he suffered, he made no threats. **Instead, he entrusted himself to him who judges justly**. 24 He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. 25 For you were like sheep going astray, but now you have returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls. NIV*

Some Legitimate Exceptions to the Submission Principle:

Ex 1:15-21 - The Egyptian Midwives refused to kill the Hebrew boys

Dan 6:1-12 - Daniel refused to cease from praying to his God

Acts 5:40-42 - The Apostles refused to stop preaching the Gospel

The "Umbrellas of Protection"
Provided for His Covenant People by God's Perfect Plan of Submission to One's Authorities

God

Deut 6:4-9

Government

Police

Rom 13:1-8

Pastor

Boss

Covenant Group

Eph 5:21; 1 Pet 2:18-21; Eph 6:5-9

Hubby

Eph 5:22-33

Wifey

Eph. 6:1-4

Kids

Heb 13:17 *Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you. NIV*

