

## With the Master in the Fiery Furnace—Lesson 10—1 Peter 2:13-17—The Christians' Response to Government



1. Compare Romans 13 and 1 Peter 2. (a) What things do you find that are similar? (b) Why do you think Paul and Peter write similar admonitions?
2. Memorize 1 Peter 2:17.
3. (a) Read Daniel chapter one. How did Daniel make his appeal to earthly authority (the king)? (b) What was the result? (c) What principles do you learn about making appeals to governmental authorities when you don't agree with them?
4. (a) Now read Daniel chapter three. What happened that caused Daniel's three friends to defy the king's command? (b) Did God protect them? If so, how? (c) Do you think God will always protect His own when they have to disobey earthly authorities? Why or why not?
5. (a) In Acts chapter five, what were Peter and the apostles doing that caused them to be thrown into prison? (b) How did Peter justify disobeying the high priest, according to verse 29? (c) What was the apostles' response to suffering because of their loyalty to Christ, according to verses 40-42? (d) Recall a time when you suffered because of your loyalty to Christ.
6. (a) How do you think we as believers should respond to jokes about our president and others in authority? (b) What does the Bible say in 1 Timothy 2:1, 2?
7. (a) Do you think it is okay for a believer to exceed the speed limit? (b) To cheat on their income taxes? (c) To tell jokes about their governmental authorities? (d) To not participate in voting in the elections? Come with some thoughts to share!
8. Are you in submission to authority? (Governmental? Church? Husband? Employer?) If not, write a prayer request asking God to help you in this area, or, write a prayer request for those in authority over you.

