

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1 Peter 2:11-17 *Living the Good Life*

Getting Started

How would you describe the good life?

Digging In

1. What does Peter say about our **identity** in v. 11? In what sense are we *aliens and strangers*?
2. How should this affect the way we live? (v. 11)
3. What **exhortation** does he give in v. 12, and for what purpose?
4. Read 2:13-17 and write a one-sentence **summary** of this section.
5. What does it **mean** to submit ourselves to *every authority instituted among men*?
What does this look like for us today?
6. What **reasons** are given in vv. 13-14 for submitting to civil authorities? What reason is given in v. 15?
7. Give a modern-day example of how submitting to civil authorities can silence criticism of Christians.
8. Verse 16: in what sense are we free? In what sense are we servants?
9. What are the different responsibilities that Peter lists in v. 17? What significance do you see in the verbs Peter uses?
10. What do you think it meant in that day to *honor the king*? [Note: Nero ruled from A.D. 54-68. 1 Peter was probably written in the early 60's.] What do you think it means today?



Getting Personal

- In what ways are you living a good life *among the pagans* – a life that attracts people to Jesus Christ? (v. 12)
- Give a few examples of how Christians sometimes struggle to submit to civil authorities?
- How are you submitting to civil authorities, even when it's costly or inconvenient?
- Based on this passage, how is God calling you to grow?