

Daily Bible Study Guide for November 23–28

Redeemed People Are a Godly Citizens



I Peter 2:13-17

¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, ¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right. ¹⁵ For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. ¹⁶ Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. ¹⁷ Honor all people, love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king.

Study Guides are designed to help us get the most out of our personal Bible study, Small Group experience, marriage and family spiritual growth, and the sermons we hear on Sunday mornings. Each week we will be studying a passage of Scripture along with Pastor Dan as he prepares his sermon based on the same verses found in our Study Guides. That way, when we come to church every Sunday, we will be better prepared to hear and apply God's Word.

Monday, November 23

Read: 1 Peter 2:11–12

1. What words stand out to you as most important?

2. What is said about believers?

3. What is said about governments and political leaders?

4. What is said about God?

5. Discussion/Application: What dynamics are revealed in these verses about the relationship between God, Christians, and the government?

Tuesday, November 24

Read: 1 Peter 2:13–17

1. What does “submit” mean?

2. To whom does Peter say in these verses that believers are to submit?

3. Why, according to these verses, are we supposed to submit?

4. Who, according to these verses, is exempt from the submission about which Peter has written?

5. Discussion/Application: To what degree do you think Christians in America follow the instructions in this week’s passage of Scripture?

Wednesday, November 25

Read: 1 Peter 2:13

1. The context of the phrase “human institutions” (literally “creations”) shows that government agencies are in mind. List as many “human institutions” as you can.

2. To how many of these human institutions are we to submit?

3. We don’t have a king in our country. What word, then, is a good “dynamic equivalent” for our kind of government here in the US?

4. Only kings and governors are mentioned by Peter. Does that imply that there are some government officials or some government agencies to which we do not have to submit?

5. Discussion/Application: When, if ever, is it right to not submit to governing authorities?

Thursday, November 26

Read: 1 Peter 2:15

1. What, specifically, is the will of God to which Peter refers?

2. What phrase describes (brings greater clarification to) the will of God?

3. What is it, in this context, that makes foolish people foolish?

4. Of what are foolish people ignorant?

5. Discussion/Application: What effect does doing the will of God have on ignorant and foolish people?

Friday, November 27

Read: 1 Peter 2:16

1. What is a free man (or woman)?

2. How might a person cover his/her evil with freedom?

3. What is a bonds slave?

4. Does a bonds slave have any freedom?

5. Discussion/Application: What does Peter mean when he says a bonds slave is to use his freedom?

Saturday, November 28

Read: 1 Peter 2:17

1. Who are “all people” and how can we honor them?

2. Who is “the brotherhood” and how can we love them?

3. Who is God and how can we fear Him?

4. Who is “the king” and how can we honor him?

5. Discussion/Application: “All people” and “the king” might have very different values and lifestyles than you do. Why is important to honor them anyway?
