



GROW DEEP

Bible Study #9 – 1 Peter 2:18–25

1.) **The Mandate for Submission** (1 Peter 2:18)

Peter calls believers—even those in unjust situations—to submit with respect, not out of fear of man, but in reverence to God. Submission is a spiritual discipline that reflects Christ's humility and honors God's order. Supporting Verses: Ephesians 6:5–6 -Ephesians 6:2 – Ephesians 5:22 – Ephesians 5:21 – Hebrews 13:17 – 1 Peter 2:13 – 1 Peter 5:5 – Colossians 3:23 Grow deeper:

- How does biblical submission differ from worldly ideas of power and control?
- Which relationship in your life challenges your ability to submit with sincerity?
- How does submission reflect trust in God's sovereignty?

2.) **The Motive for Submission** (1 Peter 2:19–22)

Submission is commendable when done with a conscience toward God, especially in suffering. Christ's endurance under unjust treatment is our example—He did not retaliate but entrusted Himself to the righteous Judge. Supporting Verses: 1 Peter 2:19 – 1 Peter 2:20 – Isaiah 53:7 – Romans 12:17 – Matthew 5:10 – Philippians 1:29 – Hebrews 12:3 – 2 Timothy 3:12 – Grow deeper:

- What motivates you to endure hardship without retaliation?
- How does Christ's example shape your response to injustice?
- What does it mean to entrust yourself to God in suffering?

3.) **The Model of Submission** (1 Peter 2:23)

Jesus, though reviled and abused, did not retaliate. He modeled perfect submission by entrusting Himself to God's justice. His restraint reveals strength, not weakness. Supporting Verses: Matthew 26:53 – 1 Peter 2:23 – Ephesians 6:9 – Luke 23:34 – John 19:11 – Philippians 2:8 – Hebrews 5:8 – Isaiah 50:6- Grow deeper:

- How does Jesus' restraint challenge your view of strength?
- What does it look like to “commit yourself to Him who judges righteously”?
- In what situations do you struggle to follow Christ's model?

4.) **The Mission of the Shepherd** (1 Peter 2:24–25)

Christ bore our sins in His body to bring healing and righteousness. As the Good Shepherd, He laid down His life and now watches over our souls, restoring those who were straying. Supporting Verses: Psalm 38:4 – Isaiah 53:5 – John 10:11 – 1 Peter 2:24 – Hebrews 13:20 – Ezekiel 34:16 – Luke 15:4 – Revelation 7:17 Grow deeper:

- How does Christ's sacrifice bring healing to your soul?
- How can you reflect the Shepherd's heart in your relationships?