

4. How do respect and honor go together?

5. In light of the persecution that the Christians were enduring, why would respect for the king and other human authority be important? (Note: Persecution of this type would continue for several hundred years, and it was found that the long term Christian response was crucial in eventually changing the attitudes of the Roman emperors.) How might this help us today?

6. Peter says we are free to do good instead of evil. Why do you think freedom of choice is necessary when it comes to respecting authority, loving other Christians, and fearing (reverently obeying) God?

7. What about your life attracts people to Christ? What does that have to do with how you are handling unjust situations?

Application

What authorities are “over you” right now?

Do you currently struggle with anything related to this?