

When It's Not Fair!

1 Peter 2:13-25

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1. What is the worst rip-off you have ever experienced?
2. In verses 14-15, what reasons are given to submit to authority?
3. How do you think the phrase, "for the Lord's sake" (v.13), should affect the way we submit to authorities?
4. How should the knowledge that we are "free men" (verse 16) affect how we submit?
5. Why would Christians need the warning in the first part of v.16?
6. How would "living as a servant of God" help us to avoid using our freedom wrongly?
7. In 2:19, Peter says that when we bear up under unjust suffering because we are "conscious of God" it is commendable. What do you think he means by the term "conscious of God"? (See also v.13,15,25; Acts 4:18-20 and Acts 5:27-29, 41-42).
8. How might being "conscious of God" help us to endure when we are unjustly treated?
9. Why is it no big deal to bear up under deserved suffering? (2:20)
10. List the ways in which Jesus provided us with good examples of behavior under unjust suffering (2:21-25)
11. In His suffering, Jesus "entrusted Himself to Him who judges justly." (2:23) How might a similar trust in God help you to submit to the suffering that has come into your own life?