

QUESTIONS FOR SPIRITUAL GROWTH

1. How should a Christian respond when treated unfairly, especially on the job?
2. Is it wrong to defend yourself or to stand up for your rights?
3. Do these principles of submission apply beyond the realm of employment to any situation? Is it always wrong to defend ourselves or to speak out when we are treated unfairly?
4. Was Paul wrong to stand up to corrupt authority in Acts 16:35-40? Why/why not?
5. How does our obedience to 1 Peter 2:18-20 give genuine credibility to our faith?

“Are not two sparrows sold for a cent? And yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. So do not fear; you are more valuable than many sparrows.” Matthew 10:29-31

“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you expect to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners in order to receive back the same amount. But love your enemies, and do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High.” Luke 6:32-35

“SUBMISSION IN THE WORKPLACE”

1 PETER 2:18-20

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I. Introduction

II. The Command

Verse 18

Do I defend myself or silently submit?

1. Am I under the _____ of the one treating me _____?
2. Is _____ being called into question or ridiculed?
3. How will my response effect my _____ to outsiders?

III. The Reason

Verse 19

1. To _____.
2. To bear _____ to the _____.

IV. The Promise

Verse 20

1. God _____ He has a purpose and plan for me, and He has the power to carry out that plan.
2. Any _____, _____ or _____, that we receive from another can be seen as part of God's plan for us.
3. _____ causes us to develop _____ character. For the Christian all pain has meaning; all adversity is profitable.
4. We must _____, by an act of our _____, to trust God in major and minor difficulties. We can do this regardless of how we may _____ because we know that God is sovereign, wise, and loving.

Memory Verse

“Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.” 1 Peter 5:6-7