Submit to every human institution because of the Lord, whether to the Emperor as the supreme authority, or to governors as those sent out by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. For it is God's will that you, by doing good, silence the ignorance of foolish people. As God's slaves, [live] as free people, but don't use your freedom as a way to conceal evil. Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the Emperor.

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- ■ True submission is purposefully and voluntarily done
    - o In order to correctly and fully submit, one must do so out of his own free will and desire.
    - o A weak willed person forced into submission like a beat dog is not truly submitting.
    - o To give up what one has is a much different scenario than "giving up" what one does not possess.
- ■ Christians should follow the governmental rules and not be anarchists attempting to topple the government
    - o Even the stupid rules.
    - o Remember, holding citizenship in the Kingdom of God and a worldly kingdom is not mutually exclusive, but where they do come into conflict, the Kingdom of God must win.
    - o Governments are created for order, and Christians should like order instead of chaos.
    - o Accusing a Christian of evil is more difficult if the government is holding him up as a model citizen.

As God's slaves, [live] as free people, but don't use your freedom as a way to conceal evil.
- ■ Only someone who is a slave to God is truly free
    - o Only they can pick from good or evil.
    - o As a free person, don't take away from your freedom
        - ▪ Unnecessary rules
        - ▪ Becoming mindless people…aka sheeple
        - ▪ Putting yourself under an addiction or sin.
- ■ Just because you can doesn't mean you should
    - o As a Christian, you can do anything you want, because to him everything should be done in and for a pure manner.
    - o Be careful though, because even well intentioned actions can become detrimental.
    - o Nothing is more despicable than calling something good that is really evil.