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- Everyone has someone to whom he should submit
 - Bosses, teachers, officials, parents, hopefully just God
- We should freely submit to each master
 - We tend to walk all over the good ones, and plot and rebel against the bad ones

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- Orange you glad God notices our right actions which cause us suffering
 - And the earthly master you serve might take notice too
- Make sure the root of the unjust suffering is obedient action toward God
 - Grief can take many forms: sorrow (emotional), pain (physical), annoyance (mental)

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- You don't get bonus points for suffering if you actually did wrong
 - The suffering is not trials in your life that are chance sufferings.
- Nor do you get points for doing wrong in the middle of the suffering
 - That would be like trying to get full credit on a math problem and only doing half of it.