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1 Peter 2:13-3:12

Serving Our Government (1 Pet. 2:13-17)

- **Obey the law (v. 13)**
- **Motivation is to please God (v. 13, 15, 16, 17)**
- **Consider our influence (v. 15)**
- **When in the public realm, remember verse 17**

Serving Our “Masters” (1 Pet. 2:18-20)

- **Serve them well, even if they are harsh (v. 18)**
- **This parallels Jesus on the cross (v. 20-21)**
- **If you can go free, do that (1 Corinthians 7:21)**

Serving Our Spouses (1 Pet. 3:1-7)

- **A wife can influence her disobedient husband (v. 1-4)**
- **Sarah: true respect begins in the heart (v. 6, Gen. 18:12)**
- **A husband must understand, support, and honor (v. 7)**
- **Don't wait on the other person to serve first!**

Serving Our Enemies (1 Pet. 3:8-12)

- **Christians, don't become enemies (v. 8)**
- **Serve like David did Saul (v. 10-12, Psalm 34:12-16)**
- **Do good to enemies, give a blessing (v. 9)**

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Government – *when it's unrighteous*
Master – *when they're unreasonable*
Spouse – *when they're difficult*
Enemies – *when they persecute*