

What smart people know

¹³ Submit to every human ordinance, for the Lord; whether to the king as the supreme authority,
¹⁴ or to governors as those sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.

¹⁵ Because, this is the will of God; by doing good you silence the ignorance of foolish people.

¹⁶ Live in freedom, Do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but as God's slaves.

¹⁷ Honour everyone. Love the family of faith. Fear God. Honour the king.

1 Peter 2:13-17

Smart people understand 2:13a
 Submission is not subservience.
 Submission is primarily to not to all people.

Smart people understand 2:13-14
 Authority provides helpful
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 "I urge you, as top priority..." 1 Tim.2:1-3

Smart people understand 2:15
 God's Will, 1. 2 Peter 3:9b
 God's Will, 2. 1 Thess.4:3-8
 God's Will, 2b. 1 Pet.2:15
 God's Will, 3. 1 Thess.5:18

God's will is always by
 God's will is always for

Smart people understand 2:16
 Freedom always has
 Freedom always has

Smart people understand 2:17
 Everyone respect.
 Everyone gets respect.

What smart people
 is good. Psalm 34:8, Nahum 1:7
 What God is good. Gen. 1:31, Rom.8:28
 How God is good. Micah 6:8
 Psalm 119:68, 2 Timothy 3:6-8
 Psalm 92:1-2

My prayer priorities for the week beginning Sunday 1 November 2020

Today – Ian & Eleanor.

Mon – Val. Joan.

Tue – Bill. Lorna.

Wed – Lorraine. Vi-Lay.

Thu – Karen. Snezhana.

Fri – Deirdre. Lyn.

Sat – Stuart & Kaye.

Sun – Clarence & Irene. Jim.

Thought starters for personal reflection or group discussion

1. When you were at school, were you one of the smart kids?
2. Is it ever possible to "silence the ignorance of foolish people" (v15)?
3. How do you decide to whom you should submit?
4. What is authority? Who has it? Should I ever reject authority? How does Acts 5:29, 40-42 help?
5. How do you measure freedom? How do you enjoy freedom?
6. Is it possible in the real world to "honour everyone" (v17)?
7. What is good about putting Psalm 92:1-2 into practice?

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