

August 30, 2020
Titus 3:1-2

***Christian Living in a Pagan Culture – Part 1:
Christian Behavior***

Our society

Remind the people

1

To be subject to rulers and authorities

(Hebrews 13:17; Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

To be obedient

(Daniel 1, 3, 6; Acts 4)

We must obey unless

government commands what God forbids, or
government forbids what God commands.

To be ready to do whatever is good

(James 4:17; Galatians 6:1; Matthew 5:16)

To slander no one

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(1 Timothy 2:1-4; Galatians 6:1; 1 Corinthians 10:12)

To be peaceable and considerate

and always to be gentle toward everyone

Questions for discussion or personal reflection

1. What difference will people notice if we choose to respond the way that Paul commands in these two verses?
2. What excuses do people make for not submitting to and obeying those who are in government?
3. How do you think the apostle Paul would respond to these excuses?
4. Why is it so important for believers to slander no one?
5. How might people respond if believers followed these simple instructions? What difference would it make in the church? in our families? in our community?
6. How do good works figure in to God's plan for believers? How does compare with Ephesians 2:10?