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**I P E T E R**

**Submitting To  
Difficult Bosses**

## 1 Peter 2:18-21

Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust. For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly. For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it,

you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.

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Acts 10:7

When the angel who spoke to him had departed, he called **two of his servants** and a devout soldier from among those who **attended him**, and having related everything to them, he sent them to Joppa.

Romans 14:4

Who are you to pass judgment on the **servant** of another? It is before **his own master** that he stands or falls.

# **STRONGS NT 3610: οἰκέτης**

**οἰκέτης, οἰκέτου, ὁ (οἰκέω), from (Aeschylus and) Herodotus down, Latin domesticus, i. e. one who lives in the same house with another, spoken of all who are under the authority of one and the same householder**

So a word stronger than 'servant' but weaker than 'slave' is needed - something meaning 'semi-permanent employee without legal or economic freedom.'



- Wayne Grudem

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Luke 2:51

And they did not understand the saying that he spoke to them. And he went down with them and came to Nazareth and was **submissive to them.**

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For this is a gracious thing, when, **mindful of God**, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.



## Ephesians 6:5-7

Bondservants, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, with a sincere heart, as you would Christ, not by the way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, rendering service with a good will **as to the Lord and not to man**

## Colossians 3:23

Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men

## 1 Corinthians 7:20-22

Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it.

(But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ.

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and are beaten for it, you endure?

## Matthew 5:47

And if you greet only your brothers,  
what more are you doing than others?  
Do not even the Gentiles do the same?

But if when you **do good and suffer**  
for it you endure, this is a gracious  
thing in the sight of God.

To be right with God has often meant  
to be in trouble with men.

– A. W. Tozer



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## Colossians 3:22-24

Bondservants, obey in everything those who are your earthly masters, not by way of eye-service, as people-pleasers, but with sincerity of heart, fearing the Lord. Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men, knowing that from the Lord **you will receive the inheritance as your reward.**

You are serving the Lord Christ.

Favor with God is found when an employee, treated unjustly, accepts his poor treatment with faith in God's sovereign care, rather than responding in anger, hostility, discontent, pride, or rebellion.



– John MacArthur

For **to this you have been called**,  
because Christ also suffered for you,  
leaving you an example, so that you  
might follow in his steps.

Suffering is not a detour by which believers receive the inheritance to which they were called. It is God's appointed means for receiving the inheritance.

– Thomas Schreiner



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1 Thessalonians 3:2-3

and we sent Timothy...to establish and exhort you in your faith, that no one be moved by these **afflictions**. For you yourselves know that we are **destined for this**.

Acts 14:21-22

strengthening the souls of the disciples, encouraging them to continue in the faith, and saying that **through many tribulations** we must enter the kingdom of God.

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because **Christ** also suffered for you,  
leaving you an **example**, so that you  
might **follow in his steps**.

A sense of injustice stings a man; he does not like to lose his rights, or to be buffeted when he has done no ill; but the Spirit of Christ teaches us to “endure grief, suffering wrongfully,” — to bear still, and still to bear. We are to be like the anvil; let others strike us if they will, but we shall wear out the hammers if we only know how to stand still and bear all that is put upon us.

– Charles Spurgeon

