



Ingleside Notes

God and Government: Biblical Wisdom for Christian Citizens

Sunday, July 4, 2021 • Tim McCoy, Lead Pastor

A Chapter a Day

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Romans 13:1-17 (ESV)

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. (v. 1)

- 1. The default disposition of Christian citizens should be to _____ those in positions of governmental authority.**

²Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. (v. 2)

- 2. If we _____ governing authorities, we should expect bad things to happen to us.**

³For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, ⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear

the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. (vv. 3-4, ESV)

3. God has put governmental authorities in place as his _____ for our _____.

4. God has put governmental authorities in place to _____ those who do right and to _____ those who do wrong.

Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,¹⁴ or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

(1 Peter 2:13-14, ESV)

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. (v. 5, ESV)

5. We should obey governing authorities not only to avoid punishment, but because it is the _____ thing to do.

⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. (v. 6, ESV)

6. We should _____ our _____.

⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. (v. 7, ESV)

7. We should _____ and _____ those who are in governing authority.

*Live as people who are free,
not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil,
but living as servants of God.*

Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood.

Fear God. Honor the emperor.

(1 Peter 2:16-17, ESV)