

Disciple's Quest

*If you continue in My word, then you are
truly disciples of Mine.*

John 8:31

February 8, 2026

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Commitments For the Practice of Faithful Christian Living

Part 7: Be A Good Citizen

1 Peter 2:13 – 17 and Romans 13:1 – 6

Main Idea:

God has ordained human government to provide a measure of protection from some of the dangerous effects of sin, and to preserve order, thereby holding lawless anarchy at bay. Generally, God expects Christians to be subject to the governing authorities He has ordained. However, believers are not to obey any commands or laws that require them to sin.

Outline:

1) The Problem

2) The Provision

3) The Principle

4) The Proviso

5) The Priorities

Application - questions for further contemplation after the message:

#1 According to Peter and Paul, what are the primary purposes of civil government?

Do you see government in this light as an indication of God's "common grace" (His grace extended in this life to the believing and unbelieving alike)? Why or Why not?

#2 In what way/ways can believers be effective gospel witnesses by being subject to the governing authorities?

#3 A general principle that can be taken from today's message is "be subject unless commanded to sin." Do you agree? Why or why not?

#4 What are some of the ways believers in our nation can positively influence our government?

Read 1 Timothy 2:1 – 4. What is the most important thing we can do?

#5 Read Revelation 20:1 – 6. Will we ever live under a perfect government? When?