

First Baptist Church – Odessa

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“The Gospel and Christian Citizenship”

“Countdown America: 58 Days of Prayer & Fasting” – Pt. 7

Romans 13:1-7 and Selected

The Gospel Leads Me to Good Citizenship When...

I. I accept that our government exists as a tool of God.

“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.” Vs. 1

“He [God] removes kings and sets up kings.” Daniel 2:21b

“...the Most High God rules the kingdom of mankind and sets over it whom He will.” Daniel 5:21b

II. I embrace that our government exists to promote good.

“For 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.” Vs. 3

III. I realize that our government exists to restrain evil.

“For he [Government] is God’s servant for our 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.” Vs. 4

IV. I understand my responsibilities to our government.

- **Now is the time to obey!**

“Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience.” Vs. 5

- **Now is the time to pay!**

“For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.” Vs. 6

- **Now is the time to pray!**

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.” 1 Timothy 2:1-2

- **Now is the time to lead!**

“Pay 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.” Vs. 7