



“Selected Scriptures”

“This is a Defining Moment for the Church”

LESSON: Insights that Will Make Your Response to Earthly Leaders Distinct from the World

I. _____ (Rom. 13:5)

II. _____ (Rom. 13:5)

III. _____ (Rom. 13:6)

IV. _____ (1 Tim. 2:1-4)

V. _____ (Titus 3:1-11)



Reflection:

1. Examining with your convictions: What is your mental disposition toward government officials and are those thoughts consistently being shaped by Scripture?
2. Examining your conversations: Are your words about government leaders consistent with Scripture's commands?
3. Examining your conscience: Is your conscience hardened or tender towards those who are in leadership? How can you determine? Even though you may or may not agree with them, you submit to them and honor them?
4. Examining your conduct: Do you display biblical submission to leaders for the world to see that your motive for doing so is focused on the glory of Christ and not the promises of candidates or those who are in a position of authority?
5. Examining your commitment: Do you pray for your leaders?

Application Questions:

1. Is biblical submission conditional? From God's word (see 1 Peter 2:11-17; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 3:1; Ephesians 5:18-24), explain why or why not?
2. If you must refuse a command from someone in authority because it contradicts Scripture, does that mean you are to no longer submit? Please explain your answer from Scripture.
3. Review 1st Peter 2, verses 13 through 15 and answer: What impact does the sake of Christ, God's will, and being His servant have on your response to every human institution (Romans 13:1-7; Titus 3:1-11)?



4. How will the passage in our study reshape or change the way you speak of and speak to those who are in authority?

5. How can we better prepare our children to honor all who are in authority, while encouraging them to hold fast to biblical convictions?

Suggestions to Question 5: Discuss these with your children and from Proverbs help them to see that the first stage of human authority is in the home.

Tell them that God commands you to be an authority over them, pointing them to the ultimate authority that they will give an account to on the day of judgment.

Additional Passages: Proverbs 3:1-2; 3:11-12; 4:1-13; 20-21; 6:20-23