

# Submission to Government

Text: [Romans 13:1](#)

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## [Psalm 1:1-2](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

<sup>2</sup> but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on His law he meditates day and night.

## [Romans 12:1](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

## [Romans 13:1-7](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> 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.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

<sup>3</sup> 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,

<sup>4</sup> for 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.

<sup>5</sup> Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

<sup>6</sup> For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.

<sup>7</sup> 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.

### [Titus 3:1-2](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to *be ready for every good work*,

<sup>2</sup> to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people.

### [Romans 13:1a](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

### [1 Peter 1:1](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Peter, an apostle of Jesus Christ, To those who are elect exiles of the Dispersion in Pontus, Galatia, Cappadocia, Asia, and Bithynia,

### [1 Peter 2:13-17](#) (ESV)

<sup>13</sup> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,

<sup>14</sup> or to governors as sent by Him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.

<sup>15</sup> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.

<sup>16</sup> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.

<sup>17</sup> Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

### [Acts 16:25](#) (ESV)

<sup>25</sup> About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them...

[1 Peter 3:17](#) (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> For it is better to suffer for doing good, if that should be God's will, than for doing evil.

[1 Peter 4:15-16](#) (ESV)

<sup>15</sup> But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler.

<sup>16</sup> Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

[Romans 13:1](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> Let every person *be subject to* the governing authorities.

[1 Timothy 2:1-2](#) (ESV)

<sup>1</sup> First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people,

<sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way.

[Titus 3:1-2](#) (ESV)

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[1 Thessalonians 4:11-12](#) (ESV)

<sup>11</sup> ... aspire to live quietly, and to mind your own affairs, and to work with your hands, as we instructed you,

<sup>12</sup> so that you may walk properly before outsiders and be dependent on no one.

[Jeremiah 29:7](#) (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare.

**We do not submit to any law or command that would require us to disobey God's Word.**

[Exodus 1:17](#) (ESV)

<sup>17</sup> But the midwives feared God and did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but let the male children live.

[Exodus 1:20](#) (ESV)

<sup>20</sup> So God dealt well with the midwives. And the people multiplied and grew very strong.

[Daniel 1:12–15](#) (ESV)

<sup>12</sup> “Test ***your servants*** for ten days; ***let us be given*** vegetables to eat and water to drink.

<sup>13</sup> Then let our appearance and the appearance of the youths who eat the king's food be observed by you, and deal with your servants according to what you see.”

<sup>14</sup> So he listened to them in this matter, and tested them for ten days.

<sup>15</sup> At the end of ten days it was seen that they were better in appearance and fatter in flesh than all the youths who ate the king's food.

[Daniel 3:16–18](#) (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter.

<sup>17</sup> If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king.

<sup>18</sup> But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.”

#### [Daniel 3:27](#) (ESV)

<sup>27</sup> And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king’s counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them.

#### [Daniel 6:7](#) (ESV)

<sup>7</sup> All the high officials of the kingdom, the prefects and the satraps, the counselors and the governors are agreed that the king should establish an ordinance and enforce an injunction, that whoever makes petition to any god or man for thirty days, except to you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

#### [Daniel 6:23](#) (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> Then the king was exceedingly glad, and commanded that Daniel be taken up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no kind of harm was found on him, because he had trusted in his God.

#### [Acts 4:18–20](#) (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> So they called them and charged them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus.

<sup>19</sup> But Peter and John answered them, “Whether it is right in the sight of God to listen to you rather than to God, you must judge,

<sup>20</sup> for we cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard.”

#### [Acts 5:28–29](#) (ESV)

<sup>28</sup> “We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s blood upon us.”

<sup>29</sup> But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.

[Matthew 10:16](#) (ESV)

<sup>16</sup> “Behold, I am sending you out as sheep in the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves.

[Matthew 10:18–20](#) (ESV)

<sup>18</sup> ... you will be dragged before governors and kings for My sake, to bear witness before them and the Gentiles.

<sup>19</sup> When they deliver you over, do not be anxious how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you in that hour.

<sup>20</sup> For it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you.

[Matthew 10:21–22](#) (ESV)

<sup>21</sup> Brother will deliver brother over to death, and the father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death,

<sup>22</sup> and you will be hated by all for My name’s sake. But the one who endures to the end will be saved.

[Matthew 10:23](#) (ESV)

<sup>23</sup> When they persecute you in one town, flee to the next...”

Pray and live peaceable lives.

Influence the world with godly, selfless living.

[Titus 3:8](#) (ESV)

<sup>8</sup> The saying is trustworthy, and I want you to insist on these things, so that those who have believed in God may be careful to devote themselves to good works. These things are excellent and profitable for people.

