

# THE CHRISTIAN AND GOVERNMENT

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### Show God is sovereign by freely living for Him. (16-17)

Honor everyone as the valuable image of God.

Love fellow believers as fellow citizens of the Kingdom.

Fear God more than you fear any man.

Honor government leaders as appointed by God.

***With a submissive heart we stand for God.***

- Why does the word "submit" seem like a bad word in today's society?
- How do you think most Christians today view the American government?
- In general, are Christians involved in politics too much or too little?
- What does it look like to submit to the government?
- What are some scenarios where being a servant of God would outweigh being a citizen (Where might you need to choose to "obey God rather than man?")
- Read **Romans 13:1-7**. In what ways is this passage similar to our passage? In what ways is it different?
- Who are some people the world does not honor well? How can we begin to show them honor?
- Would you describe your heart as more rebellious or submissive overall? How about when it comes to the government? Employer?
- List three things that are good about our president.
- **PRAY** for our president and other government officials.
- Do you respect your boss?
- How can you practically honor your boss this week?
- **PRAY** for a submissive heart.
- **PRAY** for opportunities this week to submit to your boss or the government in order to display God's glory.

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