

Attitude Shift

Government

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“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s...” (Matthew 22:21)

Attitude shift: The government is necessary and good.

☞ **God ordained Institutions**

- 1) The Home
- 2) The Church
- 3) The Government

Be a Good Citizen: Live with respect

Respect God – *“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” (Romans 13:1)*

Submission is an attitude

Submission is support

☞ **The Christian who submits to civil authorities submits to God**

Respect the law – *“Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. For he is God’s servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God’s servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.” (13:2-4)*

Be a Good Citizen: Live in peace – *“Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.” (13:5)*

Be a Good Citizen: Live above reproach – *“This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God’s servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.” (13:6-7)*

Now Daniel so distinguished himself among the administrators and the satraps by his exceptional qualities that the king planned to set him over the whole kingdom. At this, the administrators and the satraps tried to find grounds for charges against Daniel in his conduct of government affairs, but they were unable to do so. They could find no corruption in him, because he was trustworthy and neither corrupt nor negligent. Finally these men said, “We will never find any basis for charges against this man Daniel unless it has something to do with the law of his God.” (Daniel 6:3-5)