



I. **Sermon Series Introduction**

Goal: Understand The Biblical Duty Of The American Church

II. **Homeland & Government**

Key Truth: Separation Is Necessary

III. **Submission To Authorities**

Romans 13:1-7

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Duty Of The State

Point: The State Should Establish Law & Maintain Order

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Duty Of The Christian Citizen

Point: The Church Should Be The State's Conscience

IV. **Necessary Tension**

Mid-Week Devotion *(Take time this week to pray & respond to the following)*

God has been incredibly gracious, patient, and merciful to America. Much of the present turmoil and upheaval the nation is facing can rightly be attributed to a collective failure to acknowledge His blessings and heed His commands. This problem is deep and pervasive, impacting the institutions of both the Church and the State.

The Church and the State are two vital and distinct structures of authority that God has instituted for humanity. The State exists to establish law and maintain order in society. The Church exists to bring glory to Jesus Christ and provide opportunities for people to know Him and respond to the Gospel. Separation between the Church and the State is absolutely *necessary*.

The State should be neutral with respect to the policy and practice of the Church. The Church is neither its servant nor its master. Instead, it has the duty to be the conscience of the State by holding it morally accountable for its policies and practices. Followers of Christ should consider it a high calling to serve God and their countrymen in roles of authority in the State. This is the frontline of accountability, stewardship, and leadership for the nation.

The American Church presently faces a significant challenge. Holding the State morally accountable while upholding allegiance to Christ, being on guard against corruption, and taking the Gospel to our countrymen and to the world are each major endeavors..

Prayerfully consider your calling and role in God's plan for this nation and in His Church. Ask the Lord to reveal His will for you. Thank Him for giving you this place and time in history to be part of His plan.