

Rebels of God's Truth & Love

Romans 13:1-7 & Selected Scriptures

Introduction: *Biblical Kindness - Where the hospitality and humility of heaven define our lives on earth so that God's character is revealed in all we say and do.*

(Genesis 2:18-25; Acts 2; Genesis 9:1-17)

Two Unbalanced and Unhealthy Extremes:

- *Inappropriate Independence.*
- *Uninvolved Indifference.*

God's Principle toward Government: *Our _____ of civil authority is justified when that authority requires us to*

_____ God's Word.

- *Are followers of Jesus morally obligated to obey God or human institutions when the laws of both are in conflict with one another? (Acts 4:18-20,31; Acts 5:29)*

Biblical Guidelines for Godly Rebels

Central Thought of Romans 13:1-7: *A Good _____*

is a Good _____. (v.1)

1. The issue of inappropriate _____.
(Romans 13:2-5)

- a. A **Theological** Reason: God _____ law and order.
- b. An **External** Reason: Civil disobedience brings _____ consequences.
- c. An **Internal** Reason: Our consciences will bring about intolerable _____. (Psalm 32:1-5)

2. The Issue of appropriate _____.
(Romans 13:6-7; Mark 12:17a)

Application: Our Personal Response to God & Government

1. We are to obey God _____.
2. We are to obey the Government _____.
 - **1 Timothy 2:1-2** *I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. As you make your requests, plead for God's mercy upon them, and give thanks. Pray this way for kings and all others who are in authority, so that we can live in peace and quietness, in godliness and dignity.*

Passage for September 2026 - 2 Peter 1:5-7 *"In view of all this, make every effort to respond to God's promises. Supplement your faith with a generous provision of moral excellence, and moral excellence with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with patient endurance, and patient endurance with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love for everyone." (NLT)*

My Commitment: *"Lord, based upon what I heard You say to me this morning I choose to obey You by. . ."*

Our Fellowship: Before you leave ask someone: *"What did God say to you today?"*

Deuteronomy 30:14 (TM) *The Word is right here and now - as near as the tongue in your mouth, as near as the heart in your chest. Just do it!*