



Morning Services of Divine Worship – April 27, 2025

“Authority”
Romans 13:1–7
Dr. Dan Doriani

1. Getting a Sense of the Issues

2. God establishes authorities. (13:1–2)
 - Political authority
 - Economic authority
 - Even evil authorities are under the Lord

3. Good authorities do justice and serve their people. (13:3–4)

4. How to live faithfully under authority (13:5–7)
 - Respect, taxes
 - The Lord, our authority

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS FOR GROUPS:

1. Why is the call to submit to authority so difficult for American Christians today?
2. Where do you have the most difficulty submitting to authority?
3. What would you say someone who constantly complains about the authorities in politics, schools, the church, business, or artists and entertainers?
4. If you have authority how can you use it to praise and reward good behavior? To put a stop to evil behavior?