

Sermon Notes
September 27, 2026
“Our Civic Duties”
Romans 13:1-7

Key Text: *“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities...”* (v. 1)

Key Thought: God calls us to submit to our civic leaders & support them, and especially to pray for them.

- 1) Intro & Context
- 2) Called to **SUBMIT** (vv. 1-2) (cf. Pr. 24:21; Jer. 29:7; Titus 3:1; Heb. 13:17-18; 1 Pt. 2:13-17)
- 3) Agents of **WRATH** (vv. 3-5) (cf. Pr. 20:2; 21:15; 24:21-22; 1 Pt. 2:14)
- 4) Paying **TAXES** (vv. 6-7) (cf. Mt. 17:24-27; 22:15-22)
- 5) Addendum:
 - a. When NOT to submit! (cf. Dan. 3:16-18; 6:10; Acts 5:29)
 - b. In whom do you put your hope? (cf. Ps. 118:9; 146:3-10; Isa. 2:22; 51:12-16; Jer. 17:5-8)
 - c. Our most important duty to our civic leaders (cf. Jer. 29:7; 1 Tim. 2:1-4)
- 6) Conclusion

QUESTIONS FOR REFLECTION:

- Are you first & foremost a citizen of God’s kingdom? Is your highest priority to “seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness”?
- Does your political involvement take away from your duties to God & your work for His kingdom?
- Is your hope in God for life & flourishing? Do you put too much hope in human leaders? (cf. Ps. 118:9; 146:3-10; Isa. 2:22; 51:12-16; Jer. 17:5-8)