

# Our Role

## God and Government



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**Our Purpose:** To be a community of believers where, no matter who you are, you can experience life change through Jesus Christ.

## GOVERNMENT AND OUR ROLE

### 1. Submit to the Governing Authorities

*Be subject **for the Lord's sake** to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.*

—1 Peter 2:13-14 (ESV)

#### **A. To Honor God**

*Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.*

—Romans 13:2 (ESV)

#### **B. To Avoid Judgment**

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#### **C. For the Sake of Conscience**

*Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.*

—Romans 13:5 (ESV)

*"Through his appointed governing authorities, God*

*maintains order in the world for the common good.”*

*— Juan Sanchez, pastor High Pointe Baptist Church in  
Austin, Texas*

*“Our supreme duty is to obey God. Since God tells us to  
also obey human laws, we should. But, when they come in  
conflict, we are to “obey God rather than men.””*

*— Matt Slick, Christian Apologetics & Research Ministry*

*“[The chief priest said], “We strictly charged you not to  
teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem  
with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man’s  
blood upon us.” 29 But Peter and the apostles answered,  
“We must obey God rather than men.*

*—Acts 5:28-29 (ESV)*

## **2. Pay for Government**

*For he is God’s servant for your good... For because of  
this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers  
of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is  
owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to  
whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed,  
honor to whom honor is owed.*

*—Romans 13:4,6-7(ESV)*

## **3. Participate in Government**

*21 They said, “Caesar’s.” Then he said to them,  
“Therefore render to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s,  
and to God the things that are God’s.”*

*—Matthew 22:21 (ESV)*

### **A. Render to Caesar What is His**

*“Our highest allegiance is to God, but we have a duty to  
our country as well...if you do not participate in your  
government, you have not rendered to your Caesar the  
things that belong to your Caesar.”*

*— Adrian Rogers, Pastor Bellevue Baptist church,  
Memphis TN*

## ***B. Government Matters to God***

### ***C. Because We Love People***

*“You shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

*—Matthew 22:39b (ESV)*

#### ***1) Vote***

*Website: [www.onevotebook.com](http://www.onevotebook.com)*

#### ***2) Speak Up***

#### ***3) Run for Office***

*“Try to imagine what a nation and its government would be like if all Christian influence on government were suddenly removed. Within a few years no one would have any moral absolutes beyond their individual moral sentiments and moral intuitions...”*

*— Wayne Grudem, theologian.*

## **4. Pray for Those in Authority**

*First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior,*

*—1 Timothy 2:1-3 (ESV)*