



- I. All governing authorities are **allowed** by God – vv. 1b-2.
 - A. God is **sovereign** over all human governments – v. 1b.
 - B. Insubmission to such authority = active resistance to God – v. 2.
 - C. Active resistance to God **brings** judgment – v. 2.
- II. Submit to authorities, where **appropriate** - vv. 1-5.
 - A. When authorities don't **prosecute** for doing what is good – v. 3.
 - B. When authorities prosecute for **doing** what is bad – v. 3.
 - C. When authorities **reward** right-doing – v. 3.
 - D. When authorities are God's servants for our **good** – v. 4.
 - E. When authorities **punish** the wrongdoers – v. 4.
 - F. When authorities make it possible to submit to them in good **conscience** – v. 5.
- III. Pay what you **owe** – vv. 6-7.
 - A. Don't walk away from your **debts** – v. 6.
 - B. Paying **taxes** recognizes authority over us – v. 6.
 - C. The other ways to submit are by **paying** – v. 7.
 - i. Taxes
 - ii. Revenue
 - iii. Respect
 - iv. Honor

The Big Idea: As believers, we're to be **examples** to the world through our submission to the government **under** God.