

Paul's Letter to the Romans: Pursuing Righteousness from God
"The Christian and Government"

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Romans 13:1-7

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- A. In today's section, Paul focuses on a single point: Christians must _____ themselves to _____ authorities.
- B. Why does Paul include this _____ at this _____ in his letter to the Romans?
- C. The goal of transformation and non-conformity to the world caused some believers to adopt _____.
- D. Some Christians concluded that living the spiritual life meant avoiding things like _____ and the _____.
- E. A second connection of this section with the previous one has to do with not taking _____ and allowing God to _____.
- F. Who are the governing authorities? Any person who represents the power of the _____.
- G. What does it mean to "submit" to them? It means to voluntarily follow the _____ of those in authority over you; to take proper rank.
- H. Submission is not the same as _____.
- I. Obedience relates to _____ performance while submission touches the _____ of the _____.
- J. "Submission means believing God is able to accomplish His _____ in my life through those He has placed in _____ over me." Ray Pritchard
- K. We should submit to governing authorities because they are _____ by _____ (Dan. 2:21; 4:17; Psalm 75:6-7).
- L. The second reason for submitting to the government is to avoid _____.
- M. Paul calls government authorities _____ of God.
- N. This is one of the reasons that we should treat our leaders with _____.
- O. Rulers are tools of God to accomplish things He wants done.
1. The government _____ us and our property.
 2. The government _____ when there are disputes.
 3. The government provides _____ that benefit us all.
- P. One more reason why we should submit to government authorities is so we can enjoy a _____.
- Q. Paul ends this section giving us practical commands for showing proper submission to authorities, including: paying our obligations of _____, respect and _____.
- R. When does God approve of us disobeying government?
1. We can disobey in matters of _____ (Daniel 1, 2, 6).
 2. We can disobey in matters of _____ (Acts 5:29).
 3. We can disobey in matters of _____ (Ex. 1:15-17; 1 Sam. 19).

Answer Key: A. submit, governmental. B. teaching, point. C. extreme, positions. D. marriage, government. E. vengeance, judge. F. state. G. direction. H. obedience. I. outward, attitude, heart. J. will, authority. K. appointed, God. L. punishment. M. servants. N. respect. O.1. protects. O.2 arbitrates. O.3. services. P. clear, conscience. Q. taxes, honor. R.1. worship. R.2. witness. R.3. morality.