

Lesson: Romans 13:1-10 (NIV based)

THEME - Submitting To Governing Authorities

v.1 submit himself to the governing authorities

1. submit = GRK #5293 to place under in an orderly fashion
 2. governing authorities = all who rule over us, not just the federal or state government
 3. all authority is established by God = GRK #5259, 5021 under God's power or authority; to place, set, appoint, arrange or order
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Q: Why must we submit?

A: v.1-2 rebelling against God's established authority

v.3 government promotes the good of society

v.4 government restrains & punishes evil doing; God is carrying out His wrath; He is in control

v.5 to avoid possible punishment; maintain a good conscience

Q: What does it mean "because of conscience"? A: in context vv.12:14-21; vv.13:8-10 doing right before God & man

Q: How do we submit to those who govern over us? A: support the various needs of government by:

v.6 pay the direct taxes that are due

v.7 pay indirect taxes or revenue, respect, honor to officials

v.8 pay all debts - what we owe

BIG IDEA: Seek social and political change or improvement, and not subversion of the government. This activism should be sought only thru peaceful, legal, morally upright, & God-approving ways. God does not approve of rebellion. He is in control. Leave room for God's wrath (v.12:19).

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