

Submission to the Authorities - Romans 13:1-7

Topics: Authority, God's Will, Government, Law, Submission

Open It

1. What irritates you most about our government?
- * 2. How do you feel when you have to prepare your income tax forms?

Explore It

3. How is the establishment of any government related to God? (13:1)
4. How is a Christian to respond to the laws and leadership of government? (13:1-7)
- * 5. What attitude is a Christian showing toward God when he or she rebels against the government? (13:2)
6. What consequences will those who rebel against the government bring upon themselves? (13:2)
- * 7. What should a Christian do to maintain a good relationship with the government? (13:3-4)
8. For what reason are government officials in power? (13:4)
9. What motivation does the Christian have to submit to the government? (13:5)
10. What are governmental authorities? (13:6)
- * 11. How should a Christian respond to the tax laws and requirements of the government? (13:6-7)
12. In addition to tax revenues, what does a Christian owe to his or her government? (13:7)

Get It

13. How would God want us to act if government leaders were openly persecuting Christians?
14. How do evil, cruel rulers serve God's plan and do good for God's people?
- * 15. Under what circumstances should Christians disobey the clear commands of government authorities?
- * 16. What is the Christian's responsibility for maintaining a good government?
17. What positive support should Christians give to government leaders?

Apply It

18. Which government official could you write or talk to this week and express your concerns?
- * 19. How and when could you set aside time to pray for national, state, and local public officials?