

Matthew 22:15-16 (NIV)

Then the Pharisees went out and laid plans to trap him in his words. [16] They sent their disciples to him along with the Herodians.

"Teacher," they said, "we know you are a man of integrity and that you teach the way of God in accordance with the truth. You aren't swayed by men, because you pay no attention to who they are.

Matthew 22:17-19 (NIV)

Tell us then, what is your opinion? Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?" [18] But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, "You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? [19] Show me the coin used for paying the tax." They brought him a denarius,

Matthew 22:20-22 (NIV)

...and he asked them, "Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?"

[21] "Caesar's," they replied. Then he said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's." [22] When they heard this, they were amazed...

We BELIEVE that...

**God ESTABLISHED
Government**

Romans 13:1-7

With one sentence **Jesus Established the**
VALIDITY of human government,
while at the same time setting its **LIMITS**.
...There **IS** a proper **domain** and function for
human government. However, God has
stamped His own image on man. Man may
give outward things to Caesar, **but the inner**
man belongs to God. K. Hughes

SUBMIT- is to Recognize the authorities
place **OVER** the believer in the order that
exists in the world. DA Carson

Daniel 2:20-21 (NIV)

...Praise be to the **name** of **God** forever
and ever; **wisdom** and **power** are **His**.

[21] He changes times and seasons;

He SETS UP KINGS and DEPOSES them...

God's way of dealing with **EVIL**
is **NOT** by personal **vengeance**,
but through **JUSTICE** dispensed
by the state. RK Hughes

Romans 13 Does NOT tell us what...

- **KIND** of government is **BEST**
- to **DO** if a government is **EVIL** or **UNJUST**
- to **DO** we if there is a **REVOLUTION** or a **CIVIL WAR**

**→ Some FORM of Government
is Necessary**

Judges 17:6 (NIV)

In those days **Israel had no king;**
everyone **DID** as he **SAW FIT.**

→ We are **CITIZENS** of Heaven - that should Impact how we Live **HERE**

Philippians 3:20 (NLT)

But we are **CITIZENS** of **HEAVEN**,
where the Lord Jesus Christ lives.

And we are **EAGERLY** waiting for **Him**
to **RETURN** as our Savior.

1 Peter 2:19-20 (NLT)

For God is pleased with you when you **DO**
what you **know** is **RIGHT** and **patiently**
endure UNFAIR treatment.

[20] Of course, you get no credit for being
patient if you are beaten for doing wrong.

But if you suffer for doing good and **endure**
it patiently, God is pleased with you.

→ **Civil DISOBEDIENCE is Justified Sometimes**

Clear Passages in Scripture Interpret the
LESS Clear

General Statements - are explained or made
clear by Parallel Scriptures and Examples
in the Bible

Exodus 1:16-17 (NIV)

When you help the Hebrew women in childbirth and observe them on the delivery stool, **if it is a boy, kill him**; but if it is a girl, let her live." [17] **The midwives**, however, **FEARED GOD** and did **not do** what the king of Egypt had told them to do; they let the boys live.

When government commands us to do
something **CONTRARY** to our
ULTIMATE Lord we are free - indeed
OBLIGATED - to **DISOBEY**. DA Carson

Daniel 3:16-18 (NIV)

Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to defend ourselves before you in this matter. [17] **If we are thrown into the blazing furnace, the God we serve is able to save us from it, and He will rescue us from your hand, O king. [18] But even if he does not, we want you to know, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the image of gold you have set up.**

When the **will of man**
CONFLICTS with the **will** of God,
the **Christian** must **CHOOSE**
to do the **will of God.** Constable

Acts 5:28-29 (NIV)

We gave you strict orders **NOT to teach in this NAME**, he said. **Yet you have FILLED Jerusalem with your teaching** and are determined to make us guilty of this man's blood." [29] Peter and the other apostles replied: **We must OBEY God rather than men!**

We Must **DISOBEY** Government if it Asks Us to...

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- **VIOLATE** any commandment of God
- **COMMIT** an immoral or unethical act
- **GO AGAINST** our Christian conscience

Peter did **not** say **OBEY**.
Submission includes obedience,
but it also includes an **ATTITUDE**
from which the obedience springs. Constable

→ **It is God's Will**

for us

to **DO GOOD**

→ We must show Proper
RESPECT for **Everyone**

Daniel 4:34 (NIV)

At the end of that time, I, Nebuchadnezzar, raised my eyes toward heaven, and my sanity was restored. **Then I praised the Most High; I honored and glorified HIM who lives forever.**

**His dominion is an eternal dominion;
His kingdom endures from generation to generation.**

Daniel 4:35 (NIV)

All the peoples of the earth are regarded
as nothing.

He does as He pleases

with the powers of heaven and the
peoples of the earth.

No one can hold back His hand
or say to Him: "What have you done?"