

Romans 13:1-2 (NLT)

¹ Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God. ² So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted...

Romans 13:4 (NLT)

⁴ The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good. But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong.

Romans 13:5-6 (NLT)

⁵ So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment, but also to keep a clear conscience. ⁶ Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do.

**To OBEY or NOT
to Obey?**

Romans 13:1-7

Matthew 22:20-21 (NIV)

²⁰ ...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.

With this single sentence our Lord Jesus
established the
VALIDITY of human government,
while at the same time **setting its LIMITS.**

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Governmental force, **PROPERLY** used,
helps **prevent tyranny** and implements
justice; it brings **punishment** on
the **wrongdoer**.

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⁴...government is God's servant,
an **avenger** that **brings wrath** on
the one who **does wrong**.

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Why **SUBMIT** to Governing Authorities?

- God **INSTITUTED** them
- those who **RESISTS** this Authority are
Rebelling **AGAINST** God
- we have nothing to Fear **IF** we **DO** Right
- they are God's servants to **Do GOOD** for us
- if we do **WRONG** they have the Sword of
Judgment
- we will Avoid **PUNISHMENT**
- we will have a **CLEAR** Conscience

WHAT IF... the government requires
me to do something against the
Word of God?

Subjection to the state is **not to be**
confused with **unthinking**, **blind**,
passive, **conformity**. Expositor's

WHAT IF... the government is
Oppressive to others even if it does
not affect me

WHAT IF... I can do what is required
and no one will ever know?

Christians **MUST** Disobey Government if asked... PTW

- to **VIOLATE** one of God's Commands
- to do something **IMMORAL**
- to go against their **CONSCIENCE**

⁷ **Give** to everyone **what you owe** them:
Pay your **taxes** and government **fees**
to those who collect them... (NLT)

⁷ Give to everyone **what you owe** them:
Pay your **taxes** and government **fees**
to those who collect them, and
give **RESPECT** and **HONOR**
to those who are **in authority**.

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1 Timothy 2:1-2 (NLT)

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

² Pray this **WAY** for **kings** and **ALL** who are in **AUTHORITY** so that we can live **peaceful and quiet lives** marked by **godliness** and **dignity**.

Early Christians **refused to worship**
the emperor or state, but they
showed their respect by praying
FOR the authorities.

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