

“SEEING GOVERNMENT THROUGH GOSPEL EYES”

Romans 13:1-7

Lots of varied responses to govt. What’s yours?
Rules for interaction...

CONTEXT (connection with ch. 12)

1. **CALLING – Be _____ to the Government (vv. 1-2)**

What do we have issue with?
Are we placing stipulations on the command?

hupotasso (“be subject”) –
See also 1 Cor 16:16; Eph 5:21, 24; Titus 2:9

Why do we submit?

Not an anomaly – See Titus 3:1-3; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Are Paul’s comments from a naïve person? ****NO!**** Here’s why...

A. See Acts 16:22, 27; 2 Cor 11:24-25 –

B. Consider his heritage –

C. Doctrine of Inspiration –

How are we defining “good”?

Does historical timeline negate Paul’s command? ****NO!**** Here’s why...

(See 1 Peter 2:13-17)

What do we do with evil govts.?

(See 1 Kgs 12:15; Dan 4:25, 32; 5:21; Jn 19:10-11)

SUMMARY:

2. **PURPOSE – Government as God’s _____ (vv. 3-4)**

That sounds concerning?

“For Your Good” (see Rom 5:3-5; 8:23; Heb 12) –

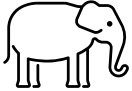
“God’s Servant” (see Jer 25:9; 27:6; Isa 44:28; 45:1) –

Promote Good & Punish Evil

Govt. Responsibility –

Benefit of Even Evil Govts. –

Our Command – DO GOOD! (v. 3)



WHAT ABOUT BAD GOVERNMENT!?

3. **MOTIVATION** – _____ & _____ (v. 5)

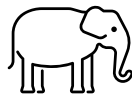
We should be submissive to the govt. due to...

A. _____

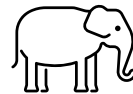
B. _____

Submission to the **BIG** & small things!

What effect does disobedience have on our person? On our relationship with God?



WHAT ABOUT BAD GOVERNMENT!?
(Considering Civil Disobedience)



1 PETER 2:13-17 –

DANIEL 3 & 6 –

CHRISTIAN TESTIMONY –

GOD HOLDS GOVTS. ACCOUNTABLE –

4. **RESPONSE** – Pay _____ & Show _____ (vv. 6-7)

Taxes (v. 7a) –

Revenue (v. 7b) –

Respect & Honor (v. 7c) –

Are you guilty of cheating on your taxes, of joyfully disrespecting your govt. leaders & slandering them, telling crass jokes about them? *Consider 1 Timothy 2:1-3!*

WHAT WILL YOU DO IN RESPONSE TO THIS TEXT?