

Gospel Driven Living: Christians and Government

Romans 13:1-7

**Gospel driven living leads believers
to submit to the governments that
God has ordained.**

Intro: Gospel Driven Living

- **What exactly is the role of the church and the government according to the Scriptures?**
- **What is the role of Christians regarding government and political issues?**

**God has ordained
governments to preserve
society and believers show
reverence and honor to God
by submitting to governing
authorities.**

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- Governments everywhere have been established by God.**
- Rebelling against authority will bring God's judgment through that gov't**

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- **Commanded to submit:**
 - **submit means to place oneself under, to choose to be under authority.**
 - **Jesus submitted to the Romans.**

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- Believers have a higher authority to which we submit when human authorities require disobedience to the Word of God...**

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- Fallen humanity needs structure and authority...**
- Gov'ts are to commend those who do right and are to punish those who do wrong.**

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- Gov'ts bear the sword = inflicting punishment for evil/wrongdoing.**
- Even to the point of capital punishment.**

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- **Gov'ts are God's servants.**
 - **The same word translated as Deacon.**
 - **Gov't workers are accountable to God.**
 - **To promote good living for people.**

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- **Gov'ts are God's servants.**
 - **God punishes evil in this world through the use of human gov'ts at all levels.**
 - **Believers also work to preserve and transform society with the gospel.**

Submission involves supporting the government. V.6-7.

- **God's servants in government need to be provided for.**
 - **Pay your taxes. It's God's way of providing for a civil gov't for all people.**
 - **Honor and respect all gov't officials.**

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- **God's servants in government need to be provided for.**
 - **Use all legal resources and privileges at our disposal to support and change our gov't.**

So, believers are to...

- be model citizens, only disobeying gov't when directed to disobey God's Word.**

So, believers are to...

- be involved in our system of governing.**

So, believers are to...

- be praying for our government officials.**

Other supporting passages:

- **1 Peter 2:13-17**
 - **Written to a persecuted church.**
- **1 Timothy 2:1-4 and Titus 3:1-2**
 - **Written to young pastors.**