



# “Subjection to Civil Authority”

Romans 13:1-7

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Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good. [Rom 12:21 NASB95]  
Never pay back evil for evil to anyone. Respect what is right in the sight of all men. [Rom 12:17]

## 1. **Be in \_\_\_\_\_ to governing authorities.** *v1*

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God. [Rom 13:1]

### Governing authorities...

#### 1) **...are delegated \_\_\_\_\_ by God.** Jn 19:10-11; Jhn 10:34-35

- 10 So Pilate said to Him, "You do not speak to me? Do You not know that I have authority to release You, and I have authority to crucify You?" 11 Jesus answered, "You would have **no authority** over Me, **unless it had been given you from above**; for this reason he who delivered Me to you has [the] greater sin." [Jhn 19:10-11 NASB95]
- 34 Jesus answered them, "Has it not been written in your Law, 'I SAID, YOU ARE GODS'?" 35 "If he called them gods, to whom the word of God came (and the Scripture cannot be broken), [Jhn 10:34-35 NASB95]

#### 2) **...are \_\_\_\_\_ by God.** Act 17:26

26 and He made from one [man] every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having **determined [their] appointed times** and **the boundaries of their habitation**, [Act 17:26]

#### ✳ Why were they ordained Genesis 6-8

- 5 Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great on the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. ... 11 Now the earth was corrupt in the sight of God, and the earth was filled with violence. 12 God looked on the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth. 13 Then God said to Noah, "The end of all flesh has come before Me; for **the earth is filled with violence** because of them; and behold, I am about to destroy them with the earth. [Gen 6:5, 11-13 NASB95]
- 21 The LORD smelled the soothing aroma; and the LORD said to Himself, "I will never again curse the ground on account of man, for the intent of man's heart is evil from his youth; and **I will never again destroy every living thing, as I have done.** [Gen 8:21]

#### ✳ When were they ordained Genesis 9-10

- 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, **By man his blood shall be shed**, For in the image of God He made man. [Gen 9:6 NASB95]
- 32 These are the families of **the sons of Noah**, according to their genealogies, by their nations; and **out of these the nations were separated** on the earth after the flood. [Gen 10:32 NASB95]

## 2. **Resist governing authority and you resist \_\_\_\_\_ authority.**

*v2*

2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. [Rom 13:2]

#### 1) **You oppose God's ordained \_\_\_\_\_ .** Pro 20:22; 1Pe 2:13-15

- 22 **Do not say, "I will repay evil"**; Wait for the LORD, and He will save you. [Pro 20:22]
- 13 **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake** to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 14 or **to governors as sent by him for the punishment of**

**evildoers** and the praise of those who do right. 15 **For such is the will of God** that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men. [1Pe 2:13-15 NASB95]

2) **You receive \_\_\_\_\_.** Heb 10:30; Jer 51:24

- 30 For we know Him who said, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, **I WILL REPAY.**" And again, "**THE LORD WILL JUDGE HIS PEOPLE.**" [Heb 10:30]
- 24 "But **I will repay** Babylon and all the inhabitants of Chaldea **for all their evil** that they have done in Zion before your eyes," declares the LORD. [Jer 51:24]

3. **Do good works and have \_\_\_\_\_ from rulers.** v3

3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; [Rom 13:3]

1) **Rulers are to be feared by \_\_\_\_\_.**

2) **If you don't want to fear authority do \_\_\_\_\_.** 1Sa 26:23; Est 4:13-16

- 23 "The LORD will repay each man [for] his righteousness and his faithfulness; for the LORD delivered you into [my] hand today, but **I refused to stretch out my hand against the LORD'S anointed.** [1Sa 26:23 NASB95]
- 13 Then Mordecai told [them] to reply to Esther, "Do not imagine that you in the king's palace can escape any more than all the Jews. 14 "For **if you remain silent at this time,** relief and deliverance will arise for the Jews from another place and **you and your father's house will perish.** And who knows whether you have not attained royalty for such a time as this?" 15 Then Esther told [them] to reply to Mordecai, 16 "Go, assemble all the Jews who are found in Susa, and fast for me; do not eat or drink for three days, night or day. I and my maidens also will fast in the same way. And thus I will go in to the king, which is not according to the law; and **if I perish, I perish.**" [Est 4:13-16 NASB95]

3) **Those who do good receive \_\_\_\_\_ from authority.** Dan 6:4-5

4 Then the commissioners and satraps began trying to find a ground of accusation against Daniel in regard to government affairs; but they could find no ground of accusation or [evidence of] corruption, inasmuch as he was faithful, and **no negligence or corruption was [to be] found in him.** 5 Then these men said, "**We will not find any ground of accusation against this Daniel unless we find [it] against him with regard to the law of his God.**" [Dan 6:4-5 NASB95]

✳ When you must resist civil authorities? Act 5:41; Dan 3:16-18

- But Peter and the apostles answered, "**We must obey God rather than men.** [Act 5:29]
- 16 Shadrach, Meshach and Abed-nego replied to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we do not need to give you an answer concerning this matter. 17 "If it be [so,] our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. 18 "But [even] if [He does] not, let it be known to you, **O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image** that you have set up." [Dan 3:16-18 NASB95]

✳ Can you resist civil authorities and not resist God? 2Ki 11:1-18

1 When Athaliah the mother of Ahaziah saw that her son was dead, **she rose and destroyed all the royal offspring.** [2Ki 11:1]

4. \_\_\_\_\_ **the minister of God because...** v4

4 for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil. [Rom 13:4]

1) **...he is the minister to you for \_\_\_\_\_.** Rom 12:19

19 Never take your own revenge, beloved, but **leave room for the wrath [of God,]** for it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord. [Rom 12:19]

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2) ...he bears a \_\_\_\_\_ against evil. Gen 9:6

6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, **By man his blood shall be shed**, For in the image of God He made man. [Gen 9:6 NASB95]

3) ...he acts to \_\_\_\_\_ evil on God's behalf.

5. **Be in \_\_\_\_\_ to ministers of God ...** v5

5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. [Rom 13:5]

1) ...for fear of \_\_\_\_\_ for doing evil. Deu 21:9

9 "So you shall **remove the guilt** of innocent blood from your midst, when you do what is right in the eyes of the LORD. [Deu 21:9]

2) ...also for \_\_\_\_\_ sake. 1Ti 1:5

5 But **the goal** of our instruction is love from **a pure heart** and **a good conscience** and **a sincere faith**. [1Ti 1:5 NASB95]

3) ...pay taxes for their \_\_\_\_\_ . v6

6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for [rulers] are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. [Rom 13:6 NASB95]

4) ...\_\_\_\_\_ what is due them. v7

7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax [is due;] custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor. [Rom 13:7]



\_\_\_\_\_ - on persons, property, goods, or travel



\_\_\_\_\_ - what is paid for public ends to maintain the state



\_\_\_\_\_ - awe to terror of those in authority



\_\_\_\_\_ - respect for the burden of their service for others