

Our Civic Duty: Romans 13:1-7
Overflowing with Hope (Romans)
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We honor and fear the Sovereign Lord when we live as good citizens on earth.

I. Be Subject to Government Authorities (v. 1a)

¹Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. (ESV)

¹Let every soule submit him selfe vnto the auctorite of ye hyer powers. (Tyndale)

Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13

Reasons for Civil Obedience:

A. Ordained by the Sovereign Lord (v. 1b-2)

^{1b}For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

B. Fear of Wrongdoing (vv. 3-4)

⁴for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

C. Your Conscience (v. 5)

⁵Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

II. The Application: Pay Taxes (vv. 6-7)

⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. ⁷Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Final thoughts:

1. Exercise Your Civil Responsibilities

2. The Priority of the Gospel