

## A BIBLICAL VIEW OF HUMAN GOVERNMENT & CIVICS

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of all human government is \_\_\_\_\_, who in His sovereignty has appointed or instituted all existing human authorities and governments. (Rom. 13:1-2)

- *What are the other divine institutions and spheres of authority? (Gen. 2:18-25; 4:1-2; 11:1-9; Acts 2; Matt. 22:21)*
- *What about morally bad rulers and governments? (Dan. 2:21, 37; 4:17, 25-27, 32)*
- *Does this mean God is pleased with all rulers and governments? (2 Chron. 36:14-17; 1 Cor. 2:6b-8)*

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of human government is to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ those who do \_\_\_\_\_ to maintain law and order among humanity. (Rom. 13:3-4; 1 Peter 2:14b-16)

- *How should we view our human government if we are taking God's Word by faith?*
- *What ultimate authority and responsibility does government have? (Acts 25:11; Rom. 13:4)*

3. Our \_\_\_\_\_ to human government as believers should be first of all to \_\_\_\_\_ to it for the \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 13:1, 5; 1 Peter 2:13-14)

- *What two reasons are stated in Romans 13:2, 5 for doing this?*
- *What internal attitude should we have as we do this? (Rom. 13:7; 1 Peter 2:17)*
- *Does this apply even toward bad rulers and those in authority? (1 Peter 2:18-25)*

4. Our response to human government should also include \_\_\_\_\_. (Rom. 13:6-7; Matt. 17:24-27)

- *What if some portion goes toward an evil cause?*

5. As believers, our response should also include \_\_\_\_\_ for government leaders and \_\_\_\_\_ in authority. (1 Tim. 2:1-2)

- *What should this include?*
- *To what end or purpose should we do this? (1 Tim. 2:2; Titus 3:1-2; Jer. 29:7)*

6. Our responsibility toward government at times may require \_\_\_\_\_ in order to obey \_\_\_\_\_ and will as revealed in His Word. (Matt. 22:21; Acts 5:29; Phil. 3:20)

- *How should we understand the commands to submit to government in Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-14?*
- *What should be our posture and attitude in this? (Dan. 2:14-16, 37; 4:19; Titus 3:1-4)*
- *What are some examples of this biblically? (Exod. 1; Josh. 2; Dan. 1; 3; 6; Acts 4-5; 9:24-25 cf. 2 Cor. 11:32-33)*
- *What are some examples of this throughout church history?*
- *What are some recent examples of this?*
- *What biblical truths and principles should we keep in mind regarding all this?*