

Romans 13:1-7, pt. 3

Christian Response to State) KSN [state, honor / gripe, curb, just]

1) Our Basic Stance: Submit

2) Biblical Duty of the State: Maintain an Orderly Society (1 Tim 2:1-4)
BY restraining the worst evils of men (1 Pet 2:13-14)
THRU use of laws & punishment (Daniel 4:17, Gen 9:6,)
THAT IS public and equitable (Deut 17, v. 2-7)

3) God-Given Rights / Privileges of the State:

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| 1. Authority | (Rom 13:1-2, 1 Pet 2:13-14) | 5. Wisdom | (Psa 2:10-12, Prov 8:14-21) |
| 2. Sword | (Gen 9:1-7, Rom 13:2-4) | 6. Accountability | (Isa 10:1-4, Rom 2:14-16) |
| 3. Conscription | (Matt 22:21, Rom 13:6-7) | 7. Over-Ruled | (Prov 21:1, Jer 27:5-8) |
| 4. Self-Protection | (Rom 13:3-5) | | |

4) Christian Response to God's Servant (the State):

1. _____: Respect the State's God-assigned position of authority as an expression of a greater submission to God (Acts 5:29, Rom 13:1-7, 1 Pet 2:13-17)
2. _____: Abide by the State's laws *wherever possible* as an expression of your acceptance of God's Providence in the exact manifestations of governing authority in your life (1 Pet 2:13-25, Rom 13:1-4; see also Hos 13:11, Jer 27:5-8, 29:7, 1 Sam 16:1, 1 Kgs 12:15, Prov 28:2, Isa 3:4-7)
3. _____: Reckon the relative unimportance of the State to our fulfilling of Christ's Mission on earth (Matt 22:21, 28:18-20, Luke 24:45-49, Acts 1:6-8, John 18:36, 19:8-11, Acts 4:19, 5:29, Phil 1:12-20, 3:17-21, 2 Tim 2:8-13)
4. _____: Boldly Inform the State of God's purpose and standards for governance (1 Sam 12:23-25, Prov 10:21, 11:14, 12:26, 16:13, 24:23-26, 2 Kgs 17:13, Ezra 6:14, Jer 7:25, Ezek 34:1-10, Luke 3:12-14, Mark 6:17-20, 13:9-11, John 18:19-24, Acts 16:36-40, 23:3, 24:25, 1 Pet 2:9)

Praxis

1. Identify government actions that you have been particularly grumbling about lately... Consider how Phil 2:14-16, 4:6-9 would direct you.
2. What are some practical ways to "respectfully disregard" the State's place in this world?
3. What might it look like to "Inform" those in State leadership of God's standards? Who can you start with this week?