

**HOW DOES GOD WANT YOU TO RESPOND TO YOUR GOVERNMENT? Pt. 3**  
**Being Transformed Regarding Your RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENT:**  
**A BIBLICAL SUBMISSION**  
**(Romans 13:1-7)**

**4. Your RESPONSE TO HUMAN GOVERNMENT ... a \_\_\_\_\_ . (13:1-7)**

**a. The *command of submission*** - “Let every soul \_\_\_\_\_ to the governing authorities.” (13:1a)

**b. The *causes of your submission* to civil authority.** (13:1b)

1) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God... “For there is no authority except from God.”

2) the \_\_\_\_\_ of God... “The authorities that exist are appointed by God.”

- How does the sovereignty of God and the human responsibility of man factor into who governs over man? (Dan. 4:17, 25, 32; John 19:10-11; Romans 1 & 9-11)

Principle to remember: As a faithful believer in Jesus Christ, you should seek to show \_\_\_\_\_ to the office of the civil authority and \_\_\_\_\_ to the laws of the land if all possible, even when you may disdain the person or disagree with various policies. (Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

**c. The *consequences of resisting the governing civil authority* is to (13:2) ...**

1) \_\_\_\_\_ the ordinance of \_\_\_\_\_.

2) Bring \_\_\_\_\_ on themselves.

\*\*\*\*\* 7 Lessons on Civil Punishment from the OT Law \*\*\*\*\*

1. Punishment was to be \_\_\_\_\_ and render \_\_\_\_\_ for the crime committed in keeping with the Law. (Ex. 23:3, 6-7; Lev. 19:15)

2. Punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ and normally \_\_\_\_\_. (Deut. 25:2)

3. Punishment was \_\_\_\_\_ for justice’s sake and in consideration of the victim of the crime. (Deut. 19:13)

4. Punishment was to act as a \_\_\_\_\_ to crime. (Deut. 17:13, 13:11, 19:20)

5. Punishment was to be meted out \_\_\_\_\_. (Deut. 1:17; 16:19)

6. Punishment should be rendered \_\_\_\_\_ once the facts are gathered. (Deut. 25:2; Ecc. 8:11)

7. Punishment when fulfilled allowed for \_\_\_\_\_ of the criminal back into society. (Deut. 25:3)

d. The *clarification* regarding ...

1) the *role of government* toward its citizens. (13:3-4)

(a) Like all divine institutions, civil authority is designed to provide law and order for the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the human race.

(b) Because of this divine design, civil authorities are to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do \_\_\_\_\_ and to \_\_\_\_\_ those who do \_\_\_\_\_. What does this assume?

- How does this verse relate to the need and function of the police and military?
- Can you expect these purposes of human government fulfilled without exception?
- What should you do if your government does not do this?

(c) In God's arrangement, a governing official is to be viewed as a \_\_\_\_\_ to you for \_\_\_\_\_. In what way is this true, but what does this also not mean?

- If you choose to rebel against civil authority, what should you do?

(d) Civil government has the God-given authority to exercise \_\_\_\_\_ for capital crimes in executing \_\_\_\_\_ toward evil doers.

- What is mentioned here for the second time? What does "the sword" indicate?
- Isn't capital punishment inconsistent with "love" and contradict "thou shalt not kill"?
- Did the apostle Paul believe that capital punishment was a legitimate function of government in this present age?

2) the *responsibilities of the Christian* to his government. (13:5-7)

a) *Generally*, it is your necessary duty to be \_\_\_\_\_ to civil authorities. What are the two motivations that prompt this?

b) *Financially*, it is your necessary duty to pay your \_\_\_\_\_. What is the reason for this? How does this relate to funding police & national defense spending?

c) *Specifically*, you are to give what is owed the government by paying...

- \_\_\_\_\_ to whom \_\_\_\_\_ is due.
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- What if you do not agree with how your taxes are being spent? (Matt. 22:15-21)
- How does all of this apply to you?