

# JESUS VS. CAESAR

Romans 13:1–7

- We should have a posture of SUBMISSION towards the government—because it is instituted by GOD.  
13:1–2
- We should have a posture of submission towards the government—because God uses it to provide MORAL and social ORDER.  
13:3–4
- We should give honor where honor is due, but our submission to Caesar is LIMITED by our submission to God.  
13:5–7



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# FURTHER UP, FURTHER IN

1. Read Romans 13:1-2. What questions do you have about these verses? What problems or issues do they raise in your mind?
2. Read Romans 12:19 and Romans 13:3-4. What role does the government play in avenging injustice? How is that different from how we are to approach injustices personally?
3. What does it look like to be a good citizen? (See Jer 29:7; 1 Pet 2:13-17; Tit 3:1-2; 1 Tim 2:1-5)
4. What role should our consciences play in submitting to the government, especially in relation to morally questionable laws?
5. Read Matthew 22:16-22. Explain Jesus' response. What does this tell us about Jesus' kingdom and Caesar's kingdom?
6. How would you respond to a governmental authority who quoted Romans 13:1 to you and claimed that you needed to obey his every command as a result?
7. What biblical examples of people defying government out of allegiance to God stand out to you? Why? What do we learn from these examples about Romans 13?
8. What are some examples of submission to our government that are difficult for you personally?

## MEMORY VERSES: ROMANS 1:16-17

<sup>16</sup> For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. <sup>17</sup> For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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