

PREACHING CURRICULUM



SERMON TITLE: The Ethics of Submission to Governing Authorities

SCRIPTURE: Romans 13

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.

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REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Romans 13:1-4. What is a Christian's basic duty toward the governing authorities?

Why is it important for Christians to be subject to the governing authorities? What reasons does Paul give for us to be in subjection to them?

According to Paul, what is the basic responsibility of government?

Read Acts 5:27-30. What limits does the Bible place on the government's authority? Should Christians ever disobey the governing authorities? If so, when?

2

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

What are some unhelpful attitudes and approaches toward the government and those in positions of political leadership? Are you guilty of harbouring any of these attitudes yourself?

In our current context, what challenges are we facing as individuals, families, and as a church with respect to our relationship to the government?

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APPLY THE TRUTH

Practically speaking, what does it look like for a Christian to be appropriately subject to the governing authorities in our current cultural context? Why can this be complicated and challenging at times?

How should Christians respond when the government fails to uphold justice in some area of public life? What options are available to Christians in those situations?

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COMMIT THIS WEEK

How might you wisely navigate your dual role as a Christian and as a citizen of this country?