

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO YOUR GOVERNMENT

(Romans 13:1-3)

VII. GOD'S RIGHTEOUSNESS REVEALED THRU THE CHURCH (12:1-16:23)

A. The Christian's Responsibility to Our Governing Authorities (13:1-3)

1. This happens to be the longest passage in the New Testament about _____ to the governing authorities, and the verb "*be subject*" (Gk. *hupotasso*) is the _____ verb to the whole passage. (v. 1a)

2. The reason that these governing authorities even _____ in the first place, is because God has _____ (Gk *tasso*) them. (v. 1b)

3. Overall, God has established several Divine institutions in order for societies to function properly...
 - a. _____ / family (Gen. 2:18-25)

 - b. human _____ (Gen. 9:1-17)

 - c. the _____ (Acts 2)

4. Like all divine institutions, God established human government...
 - a. to help _____ the flesh, to curb evil.

b. to implement _____ if the law was violated.

c. to _____ its citizens from other citizens and from other nations.

5. Consequently, since God ordained human government, "*whoever resists the authority* _____ *the* _____ *of God.*" (v. 2a)

6. Violating the law brings judicial _____ in various forms. (v. 2b)

7. Typically, those in authority should not be viewed as a "*terror*" to those who are _____ the _____. (v. 3a)

8. Generally speaking, if you don't want to be frightened by the governing authorities, do what is _____ and _____ and you may even be _____. (v. 3b)

* Do you view your government as being established by God?