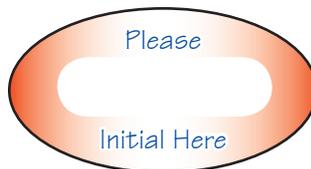


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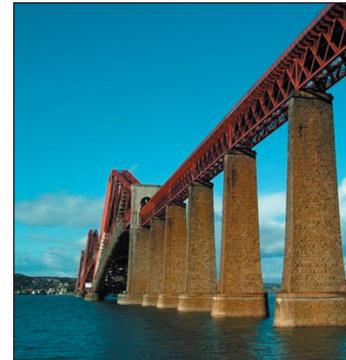
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Government (2)

A Proper Attitude Toward the Government

I. Overview.

Because God's Word reveals to us that God Himself is the One who has established human government, we should subject ourselves to the government. God has established the government with its laws and its leaders. We should not resist or oppose what God has set up. We should support our government and its leaders with a proper attitude of respect and obedience. We should also do what God requires of us by paying our taxes and praying for those who rule over us.



God uses government to keep things in good order.

The Bible reveals to us that the authorities over us are actually established by God to serve Him for His purpose. In order for God to accomplish His purpose, the situation among men must be kept in good order. God uses the government to do this. This is actually our protection. We should have the proper respect for what God has established.

II. Memory Verse.

“Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready unto every good work.”

(Titus 3:1)

III. Lesson.

We need to realize that governments among men are established by God. It is actually God who sets them up and causes them to stand or to change. God does this to serve His purpose. The Bible tells us in several places that we should respect and obey the authorities that we are under.

God Desires That We Be Good Citizens

God desires that His people would be good citizens. A citizen is a person under a certain kind of government. People who live in the United States are citizens of the United States. They are also a citizen of the state that they live in, such as Kansas or Florida. They are most likely also a citizen of a county and a city. Countries, states, counties and cities all have governments. This means that there are rules to follow and leaders to obey. It also means that there are taxes to pay. God desires that His people would respect and obey the laws and leaders and faithfully pay their taxes.

Respect and Obedience

One way that we can show the proper respect and obedience to God is to have the proper respect and obedience for the government. Some people try to get away with breaking laws and disrespecting the leaders of the government. This displeases God. God set up the government to maintain a good order among men. This is needed if His purpose for the church is to be carried out. Without a good order it is difficult for the church to prosper.



We should respect and obey the government that God has set over us.

We Should Pray for Our Leaders

The Bible also tells us that we should pray for our leaders. We should pray for our President, senators, congressmen and other leaders. We should pray that God would give them wisdom and understanding to rule properly.

In some places in the world, the government is not as good as it is in other places. In some places the government does not allow people the freedom to speak or to practice the church-life. Concerning these places, we should pray that God would make the government more suitable for His purpose. Nevertheless, the Bible tells us that we should respect and obey authority.

--- Questions for Discussion ---

1. What does it mean to be a citizen?

2. What has God set up to protect His people, maintain order and to serve His purpose?

3. Why should we respect and obey our government?

4. How should we pray for our government?

