



Submitting to Authority
Romans 13:1-10

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As followers of Christ, we are people under authority. Ultimately we live daily under the authority of God. In addition, we are instructed to submit ourselves to the governing authorities that rule over us.

There are times when our ruling authorities are noble leaders and we have great respect for them. At other times they are not honorable leaders at all and it's extremely difficult to respect them.

In today's study, we will learn that all governing authorities are appointed by God and we are instructed to submit to their authority.

LEARNING FROM GOD'S WORD . . .

➤ *It's important to remember that the main purpose of the church is not political activism, but the advancement of the _____.*

1. Be _____ to governing authorities (v. 1-5).

- Governing rulers are _____ by God (v. 1-2).
- Governing rulers have _____ from God (v. 3-4).
- Governing rulers are not _____ God (v. 5).

Dan. 2:21; Jn. 19:11; 1 Tm. 2:1-2; 1 Pt. 2:13-17; Acts 4:19-20; 5:29

2. Be _____ in paying your taxes (v. 6).

Mt. 22:19-21

3. Be _____ in paying your bills (v. 7-10).

Ex. 22:25; Pr. 22:7

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD . . .

- ✓ *Even when you strongly disagree with governing authority, do you express yourself in a _____ manner?*
- ✓ *What is more important to you, promoting a political agenda or passionately _____?*