

**RESPONSIBLE  
CHRISTIAN  
CITIZEN**

**VERSION 1**

# OBEY THE GOVERNMENT.

Rom 13:1-7 Every person must be subject to the governing authorities, for no authority exists except by God's permission. The existing authorities have been established by God, so that whoever resists the authorities opposes what God has established,

and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For the authorities are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you like to live without being afraid of the authorities? Then do what is right, and you will receive their approval. For they are God's servants working for your good. But if you do what is wrong, you should be afraid,

for it is not without reason that they bear the sword. Indeed, they are God's servants to execute wrath on anyone who does wrong. Therefore, it is necessary for you to be subject, not only because of God's wrath but also because of your own conscience. This is also why you pay taxes. **For rulers are God's servants faithfully devoting themselves to their work.**

Pay everyone whatever you owe them-taxes to whom taxes are due, tolls to whom tolls are due, fear to whom fear is due, honor to whom honor is due.

**Tit 3:1** Remind believers to submit themselves to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, and to be ready to do any honorable kind of work.

1Ti 2:1-3 First of all, then, I urge you to offer petitions, prayers, intercessions, and expressions of thanks for all people, for kings, and for everyone who has authority, so that we might lead a quiet and peaceful life with all godliness and dignity. This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

1Pe 2:13-14 For the Lord's sake **submit yourselves to every human authority:** whether to the king as supreme, or to governors who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to praise those who do right.

1Pe 2:17 Show honor to everyone. Keep on loving the brothers, fearing God, and **honoring the king.**

The Bible teaches every Christian to obey the local government authorities and pray for them as they are appointed by the authority of God to righteously lead the country as God wants them. If you are a believer, according to Bible, you must submit to authorities and obey local orders.



If you are a ruler, official, you should know that you are in that position on behalf of God and you are supposed to do everything righteously and according to God's will.

It is God who sent us to the country in which we were born.

Act 17:26 says `From one man he made every nation of humanity to live all over the earth, fixing the seasons of the year and the boundaries they live in'

The second greatest command says that `Love your neighbour as you love yourself' (Mat 22:39)

Our first responsibility is not towards the whole world but to our immediate neighbourhood that is our nation where God has sent us to indwell.

When Jesus sent his disciples to preach Gospel, He told them that they will be his witnesses first in Jerusalem and Judea ,then to Samaria and the whole world.(Acts 1:8). It means that first of all, we have a great responsibility towards the nation in which we were born, then to the neighbourhood countries and the whole world.

When God blessed Abraham, He said that the seed of Abraham(Jesus) will be a blessing to the nations. (Gen 22:18) .This blessing is also for you and through you. (Gal 3:14). You are a blessing to your nation.

**Be a blessing.**

If you think the word of God can cause others to lead a life of responsible citizen, kindly forward it to your Christian friends.

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