

Civil Authority and Me

The Government and Me

1. God Rules in the kingdoms of men
2. Our duty and responsibility to civil authority
3. Also do...
4. Don't do...

God Rules in the Kingdoms of Men

- Daniel 4:17, 25
- Genesis 15:16
- Exodus 9:16
- Isaiah 44:28
- Luke 19:41-44

Duty & Responsibility: Romans 13:1-7

- Do not resist
- Be subject
 - Titus 3:1
 - Because of wrath
 - Because of conscience
- Taxes, customs
- Fear, honor

Duty & Responsibility: 1 Peter 2:13-17

- Submit
 - Put to silence the ignorance of foolish men
 - Not using liberty as a cloak for wickedness
 - Servants of God
- Honor

Duty & Responsibility: Acts 5:29

- Acts 4:18-20
- When man's law conflicts with God's law, we must obey God!

Also do this...

- Use Rights Granted by Civil Authorities
 - Romans 16:23
 - Acts 16:37
 - Acts 22:25
 - Acts 23:16-17
 - Acts 25:11

Also do this...

- Pray for Civil Authorities
- 1 Timothy 2:1-7
 - Why?
 - To lead a quiet and peaceable life
 - In all godliness and reverence
 - Good and acceptable to God, who desires all men to be saved

Also do this...

- 1 Peter 3:13-17
- Live in good conscience with good conduct
- Do not live in fear
- If you suffer, you are blessed
- Sanctify the Lord
- Be ready to give a defense

Also do this...

- 1 Peter 2:20-21
 - Bear it patiently
- Acts 12:1-3
 - Pray

Don't do this...

- Retaliation and vengeance
 - John 18:36
 - Romans 12:19-21
- Saddle the church with a mission of political change

- Be subject to civil authorities
- Show honor and respect in word and deed
- Obey God rather than men when conflict
- Use rights granted
- Pray
- Be ready to give an answer