

The Duty Of Faithful Citizens

Romans 13:1-10

The **THREE INSTITUTIONS** Ordained by God in this world are Family, the Church & the Government.

How are we to Relate to those Outside the church, especially those in Authority over us?

1. CHRISTIANS HAVE A DUTY TO SUBMIT (vv.1-5)

- It's The COMMAND Of God (v.1a) (Acts 5:22-32)
- All authorities are under The CONTROL Of God (v.1b) (2 Kings 21:1-7)
- It's The COUNSEL Of God regarding governing authorities. (vv.2-4)
- 1.) We're called to OBEY Governmental Laws (vv.2-3)
- 2.) We're also called to OBSERVE Governmental Leaders (vv.4-5)

2. CHRISTIANS ALSO HAVE A DUTY TO SUPPORT (vv.6-7)

- We Have A Duty To Render MONETARY Support (vv.6-7a)
- Paying the taxes we owe Honors the Lord.
- We also Have A Duty To Render MORAL Support (v.7b)
- Respect given to those in Authority, is respect given to God.

3. CHRISTIANS HAVE A DUTY TO BE A SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE (vv.8-10)

- We Are To Be A LIBERATED People (v.8a)
- WE are to Obey our country's rulers & Render to them the Honor due the Positions they hold...Whether we AGREE with them or NOT.
- We Are To Be A LOVING People (vv.8b-10)
- When we love God as we should, we will always love Others as we should (Matt 22:37-39)
- Let's Honor God, Exalt Jesus Christ & Prove we are God's People.