

“A Biblical Exposition Regarding Our Citizenship”

(Sunday Morning July 5th, 2026)

Passage: Romans 13:1-7

1 Tim 2:1-2 “1 First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, 2 for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.”

We are also instructed in *Titus 2:3 “...to malign no one...”*, and this means that we are not to s_____n _____ about any of our Government leaders.

I. We Should be Submissive to the A_____ of Government

1) Our C_____

a. The E_____ of It

1 Pet 2:15 “For such is the will of God that by doing right you may silence the ignorance of foolish men.”
Luke 23:2 “And they began to accuse Him, saying, ‘We found this man misleading our nation and forbidding to pay taxes to Caesar, and saying that He Himself is Christ, a King.’”
Acts 24:5 “For we have found this man a real pest and a fellow who stirs up dissension among all the Jews throughout the world, and a ringleader of the sect of the Nazarenes.”

b. The E_____ to It

Acts 5:29 “But Peter and the apostles answered, ‘We must obey God rather than men.’”

2) Our C_____

Acts 17:26 “and He (God) made from one man every nation of mankind to live on all the face of the earth, having determined their appointed times and the boundaries of their habitation”

We should be involved in our government, and we should “s_____ the w_____ of the city” as the Prophet Jeremiah encouraged us to do. (Jer 29:7)

II. We Should be Aware of the R_____ of Government

1) It’s C_____

Gen 9:6 “Whoever sheds man’s blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.”

The government has other responsibilities and objectives, but the main one involved p_____ it’s c_____.

a. The Law of Moses Was Designed to Enforce J_____

b. The Law of Moses Was Designed to be a D_____

Deut 13:10-11 "10 So you shall stone him to death because he has sought to seduce you from the LORD your God who brought you out from the land of Egypt, ...11 Then all Israel will hear and be afraid, and will never again do such a wicked thing among you."

c. The Law of Moses Was Designed to be S _____

Deut 25:2 "then it shall be if the wicked man deserves to be beaten, the judge shall then make him lie down and be beaten in his presence with the number of stripes according to his guilt."

2) It's C _____

Lev 19:9-10 "9 Now when you reap the harvest of your land, you shall not reap to the very corners of your field, nor shall you gather the gleanings of your harvest. 10 'Nor shall you glean your vineyard, nor shall you gather the fallen fruit of your vineyard; you shall leave them for the needy and for the stranger. I am the LORD your God."

The law of gleaning was designed to help the poor, but I think we should take note of the fact that it wasn't a h _____.

III. We Should be Committed to the S _____ of Government

1) Our C _____

Matt 22:17 "Tell us (The Pharisees and Herodians) then, what do You think? Is it lawful to give a poll-tax to Caesar, or not?" (Emphasis Added)

Matt 22:19-21 "19 (Jesus Said) Show Me the coin used for the poll-tax." and they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, 'Whose likeness and inscription is this?' 21 They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' Then He said to them, 'Then renderto Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's.'"

Taxes can have some positive benefits, and the first Biblical record of an income tax was designed by our Lord and i _____ by J _____.

Gen 47:24-26 "24 At the harvest you shall give a fifth to Pharaoh, and four-fifths shall be your own for seed of the field and for your food and for those of your households and as food for your little ones.' 25 So they said, 'You have saved our lives! Let us find favor in the sight of my lord, and we will be Pharaoh's slaves.' 26 Joseph made it a statute concerning the land of Egypt valid to this day, that Pharaoh should have the fifth; only the land of the priests did not become Pharaoh's."

2) Our C _____

1 Sam 24:6 "(David Said)...far be it from me because of the LORD that I should do this to my lord, the LORD's anointed..."

1 Kings 18:46 "Then the hand of the LORD was on Elijah, and he girded up his loins and outran Ahab to Jezreel"

It is really simple and appropriate for us to apply this in a practical way by expressing gratitude to people like p _____ o _____ who put their lives on the line for us.

Acts 16:30 "(The Roman Jailer said)... 'What Must I do to be Saved?'"

Acts 16:31 "(Paul and Silas answered) 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved...'"