

ROMANS 12-13

LOVE RULES

Let's Be Good Citizens

**Emperor
Caligula
37-41 AD**



RESPONSIBILITIES

Of the State

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#1 TO PUNISH THE BAD

Romans 13:4

For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason.

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They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

#2 TO PROMOTE THE GOOD

Romans 13:3-4a

³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority?

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Romans 13:3-4a

Then do what is right and you will be commended. ⁴ For the one in authority is God's servant for your good.

WE THE PEOPLE of the United States, in order to form a more perfect Union, establish Justice, insure domestic Tranquillity, provide for the common defence, promote the general Welfare, and secure the Blessings of Liberty to ourselves and our Posterity, do ordain and establish this Constitution for the United States of America.

Article I. Section 1. All legislative Powers herein granted shall be vested in a Congress of the United States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. The House of Representatives shall be composed of Members chosen every second Year by the People of the several States, which shall consist of a Senate and House of Representatives. The Senate shall be composed of two Senators from each State, chosen for a Term of Years, and each State shall have at least one Senator. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but each State shall have at least one Representative. Direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians taxed as such, three fifths of all other Persons. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but each State shall have at least one Representative. Direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians taxed as such, three fifths of all other Persons. The Number of Representatives shall not exceed one for every thirty Thousand Persons, but each State shall have at least one Representative. Direct Taxes shall be apportioned among the several States which may be included within this Union, according to their respective Numbers, which shall be determined by adding to the whole Number of free Persons, including those bound to Service for a Term of Years, and including Indians taxed as such, three fifths of all other Persons.

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#1 WORK FOR THE GOOD OF THE STATE

Romans 13:3

**For rulers hold no terror for
those who do good works, but
for those who do evil.**

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Jeremiah 29:7

**But seek the welfare of the city where
I have sent you into exile, and pray to
the Lord on its behalf, for in its
welfare you will find your welfare.**

“The authors of Scripture were much more focused on our service, mission, devotion, submission, endurance, and sanctification, [than political influence].”

“The defining orientation of the church in the Roman world was service to the community and subversion of Caesar’s gospel by preaching the good news of Jesus.”

-John Piper

#2 SUBMIT IN ATTITUDE AND ACTION

Romans 13:1-2

Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

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Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.

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Romans 13:6

This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

#3 SHOW HONOR

Romans 13:7

Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.

#4 DON'T FREAK OUT

Romans 13:1

For there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

**“Our hope is not in politics,
because we know that salvation
didn’t come to earth riding in on the
wings of Air Force One but cradled
in a manger. Our hope is not in a
donkey or an elephant but the
Lamb.”**

-Pastor JD Greear

