

ROMANS 12-13

# LOVE RULES

Let's Be Good Citizens

# Two Biblical Filters for **Civil Disobedience**

# Civil Disobedience

Any form of disagreement, protest or advocacy in opposition to an action, law or policy of the state.

# **Biblical Filter #1**

**Does it Directly  
Violate God's Law?**

# **Romans 13:4**

**For the one in  
authority is God's  
servant for your  
good.**

A promotional image for Disney's 'The Lion King'. On the left, Mufasa, an adult lion with a large mane, stands on a dark rock. To his right, Simba, a small cub, sits on the same rock, looking up at Mufasa. The background is a dramatic sunset with a large, glowing sun and scattered clouds, creating a warm orange and yellow glow. The Disney logo is positioned in the upper right, and the title 'THE LION KING' is centered in a large, bold, serif font.

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THE  
**LION KING**

# **Acts 5:29**

**We must obey God  
rather than any  
human authority.**

**“If the state commands  
what God forbids or forbids  
what God commands, then  
civil disobedience is a  
Christian duty.”**

**-Tim Keller**



# **Biblical Filter #1**

**Does it Directly  
Violate God's Law?**

# **Biblical Filter #2**

**Does it Violate the  
Higher Law of Love?**

## **Romans 13:8-10**

**<sup>8</sup> Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for whoever loves others has fulfilled the law. <sup>9</sup> The commandments, “You shall not commit adultery,” “You shall not murder,”**

## **Romans 13:8-10**

**“You shall not steal,” “You shall not covet,” and whatever other command there may be, are summed up in this one command: “Love your neighbor as yourself.”**

## **Romans 13:8-10**

**<sup>10</sup> Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore, love is the fulfillment of the law.**

**“An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law. All segregation statutes are unjust because segregation distorts the soul and damages the personality.”**

**“It gives the segregator a false sense of superiority and the segregated a false sense of inferiority. It ends up relegating persons to the status of things.”**

**-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.**

“How do I Love my  
**NEIGHBOR?**”



**Ways to Practice  
God-Honoring  
Civil Disobedience**

# **Civil Disobedience**

**#1 IT IS OUR CIVIC**

**CHRISTIAN DUTY.**

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#2 PRAY

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**#3 VOTE**

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## #4 ADVOCATE AND PROTEST

# **Proverbs 31:8-9**

**Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves, for the rights of all who are destitute. Speak up and judge fairly; defend the rights of the poor and needy.**

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**#5 BECOME A**

**PUBLIC SERVANT**



# Proverbs 29:2

When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice; when the wicked rule, the people groan.

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**#6 PREPARE FOR**

**PERSECUTION**

# **1 Peter 3:14**

**But even if you should suffer for what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear their threats; do not be frightened.**

**“Are you able to accept  
blows without retaliating?  
Are you able to endure the  
ordeals of jail?”**

**-Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr**

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**#7 REMEMBER**

**YOUR ETERNAL**

**CITIZENSHIP**

## **Romans 13:11-12**

**And do this, understanding the present time: The hour has already come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. The night is nearly over; the day is almost here.**

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