



God has called His people to:

- 1. A PATH OF SUBMISSION. Rom. 13:1-2 Submission: To Rank Under.
- 2. A PLAN THAT IS SOUND. Rom. 13:3-5

### 3. PAY WHAT IS SUITABLE. Vs. 6-7

"For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing. Render to all what is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor."

A. Taxes

"They said to Him, 'Caesar's.' Then He said to them, 'Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." Matt. 22:21

#### B. Fear.

"But then David's conscience began bothering him because he had cut Saul's robe. 'The Lord knows I shouldn't have done that to my lord the king,' he said to his men. 'The Lord forbid that I should do this to my lord the king and attack the Lord's anointed one, for the Lord himself has chosen him." 1 Sam. 24:5-6 (NLT)

"This Man, delivered up by the predetermined plan and foreknowledge of God, you nailed to a cross by the hands of godless men and put Him to death." Acts 2:23

#### C. Honor.

"Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right...Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." 1 Peter 2:13-17

# SUBMISSION TO GOD ORDAINED EARTHLY AUTHORITIES:

### 1. NEVER TRUMPS GOD'S COMMANDS.

"But the midwives feared God, and did not do as the king of Egypt had commanded them, but let the boys live." Exo. 1:17

"And it came about because the midwives feared God, that He established households for them." vs. 21

# 2. IS NOT MEANT TO MUZZLE US FROM SPEAKING THE TRUTH.

"For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed and to be annihilated. Now if we had only been sold as slaves, men and women, I would have remained silent...And Esther said, 'A foe and an enemy, is this wicked Haman!' Then Haman became terrified before the king and queen." Esther 7:4-6

### 3. SHOULD CAUSE US TO SET BOUNDARIES.

"But Daniel made up his mind that he would not defile himself with the king's choice food or with the wine which he drank; so he sought permission from the commander of the officials that he might not defile himself." Dan. 1:8

### 4. TRUSTS GOD NO MATTER WHAT HAPPENS.

"If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the furnace of blazing fire; and He will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But even if he does not, let it be known to you, O king, that we are not going to serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Dan. 3:17-18

#### 5. MAY CAUSE YOU TO STAND ALONE.

"Now when Daniel knew that the document was signed, he entered his house (now in his roof chamber he had windows open toward Jerusalem); and he continued kneeling on his knees three times a day, praying and giving thanks before his God, as he had been doing previously." Dan. 6:10

# 6. DOES NOT NEGATE OPPORTUNITIES WE HAVE AS U.S. CITIZENS.

"But Paul said to them, 'They have beaten us in public without a trial, men who are Romans, and have thrown us into prison; and now they are sending us away secretly? No indeed! But let them come themselves and bring us out." Acts 16:37

"The commander ordered him to be brought into the barracks, stating that he should be examined by scourging so that they might find out the reason why they were shouting against him that way. And when they stretched him out with thongs, Paul said to the centurion who was standing by, 'Is it lawful for you to scourge a man who is a Roman and uncondemned?" Acts 22:24-25

"...those who were about to examine him immediately let go of him; and the commander also was afraid when he found out that he was a Roman, and because he had put him in chains." vs. 29

#### **APPLICATION FOR ME:**

Noncompliance according to God's will pleases Him.

Continue to speak the truth in love.

Important to firm up your convictions today.

God is to have your whole heart every day.

You may need to stand alone.

Use every opportunity to do what is right.

"Act as free men, and do not use your freedom as a covering for evil, but use it as bondslaves of God. Honor all men; love the brotherhood, fear God, honor the king." 1 Peter 2:16-17

