

Submission to Authorities **Romans 13:1-7**

I. LAWS: "subjection to governing authorities" (vv.1-4)

A. Duty: "be in subjection" (v.1)

1. Authorized: "no authority except from God" (v.1a)
2. Appointed: "those which exist...established by God" (v.1b)

B. Discipline: "resists authority...condemnation" (v.2)

1. Resisted: "has opposed the ordinance of God" (v.2a)
2. Rebuked: "who opposed will receive condemnation" (v.2b)

C. Decision: "want to have no fear of authority?"(vv.3-4)

1. Nice: "Do what is good...praise" (vv.3-4a)
2. Naughty: "do what is evil...be afraid" (v.4b)

II. LIMITS: "subjection...for conscience' sake" (vv.5-7)

A. Reasonable: "for conscience sake" (v.5)

1. Fearful: "because of wrath" (v.5a)
2. Faithful: "for conscience" (v.5b)

B. Responsible: "Render to all what is due them"(vv.6-7)

1. Divine Ministers: "rulers are servants of God" (v.6)
2. Deserved Debts: "tax...custom...fear...honor" (v.7)

*Next week: **Read Romans 13:8-14***