

THE CHRISTIAN'S RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT

(Part II)

Romans 13:1-7

I. Rebellion Against God's Authorities Will Be Punished – vs. 2

Romans 13:1

Acts 17:24-26

Diatagē - a disposition, arrangement, ordinance.

Matthew 26:52

II. Government Restrains Evil And Encourages Good – vs. 3-4a

Árchōn – ruler, leader, magistrate, official

Diákonos - one who executes the commands of another, (of a
master, a servant, attendant, minister)

1 Peter 2:13-14

Ecclesiastes 8:11

Deuteronomy 19:20-21

Luke 22:66-23:25

Acts 25:1-27, 26:28-32

III. Government Executes Wrath – vs. 4

Genesis 9:6

Acts 25:11

Ezekiel 7:23-24

IV. Two Reasons To Be Subject – vs. 5

Hypotássō - to submit to the orders or directives of someone; to arrange under, to subordinate; to subject one's self, obey

Syneídēsis - the psychological faculty which can distinguish between right and wrong; moral sensitivity, conscience

2 Corinthians 1:12

1 Timothy 1:18-20

2 Timothy 1:3

Titus 1:15

Hebrews 13:18

1 Peter 3:15-17

Closing Thought: God's common grace has given us government to keep chaos down. As Christians we will have no fear of punishment from the government, because we will obey the civil authorities God has placed in our lives. We will voluntarily arrange ourselves under our government because of the wrath they can execute, as well as for a clear conscience before man and God.