

—SEQUENCE OF PREPARATION—

CHAPTERS 1-8	Doctrinal foundation <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Saved by grace through faith, no works • Secure in Christ, no one can separate us from him
CHAPTERS 9-11	Our place in redemptive history <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • God's primary attention now directed to Gentiles
CHAPTER 12	Preparation for service and confronting evil <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 12:1-2 ... presented to God, knowing God's will • 12:3-8 ... evaluation of life and spiritual skill set • 12:9-21 ... understanding the battle with evil
CHAPTER 13	Our relationship to governments and society in general <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 13:1-7 ... submit to governing authorities • 13:8-14 ... owe nothing but love, wake up to the opportunity our salvation brings

THIS → **Let every person be subject to the governing authorities.**
(Romans 13:1a)

NOT THIS → Let every person ^{other people} be subject to ^{most} the governing ^{Republican} authorities.

■ **Jesus ... Not going to fight for what is not his kingdom ...**

- (John 18:36 ESV) Jesus answered, **“My kingdom is not of this world. If my kingdom were of this world, my servants would have been fighting,** that I might not be delivered over to the Jews. But my kingdom is not from the world.”



■ **Rule of thumb ... Caesar's things to Caesar, God's to God ...**

- (Matthew 22:17-22 NIV84) Tell us then, what is your opinion? **Is it right to pay taxes to Caesar or not?**” But Jesus, knowing their evil intent, said, “You hypocrites, why are you trying to trap me? Show me the coin used for paying the tax.” They brought him a denarius, and he asked them, “Whose portrait is this? And whose inscription?” “Caesar’s,” they replied. Then he said to them, **“Give to Caesar what is Caesar’s, and to God what is God’s.”** When they heard this, they were amazed. So they left him and went away.

► **Always ready to do what is good, not forgetting that we were once foolish ...**

- (Titus 3:1–5a NLT) Remind the believers to **submit to the government and its officers.** They should be **obedient, always ready to do what is good.** 2 They **must not slander anyone** and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be **gentle** and **show true humility to everyone.** 3 **Once we, too, were foolish and disobedient.** We were misled and became slaves to many lusts and pleasures. Our lives were full of evil and envy, and we hated each other. 4 **But—When God our Savior revealed his kindness and love,** 5 **he saved us,** not because of the righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy.

► **God's will that by doing good we silence the stupid talk of fools ...**

- (1 Peter 2:13–15 NIV84) **Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, 14 or to governors,** who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. 15 **For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.**

► **Peaceful, quiet, godly, dignified lives pleasing to God ...**

- (1 Timothy 2:1–3 ESV) **First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions,** that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. 3 This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior.