

OUR BIBLICAL RESPONSIBILITIES IN RELATIONSHIP TO GOVERNMENT & GODLY CITIZENSHIP!

Biblical Reference	Biblical Responsibilities & Accountability
<p>(Romans 13:1–7 ESV) Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Submit to the governing authorities. • Do not resist the governing authorities. • Pay our taxes. • Respect and honor governing authorities.
<p>(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.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pray for all people. • Pray for kings and all who are in high positions.
<p>(Titus 3:1–3 ESV) Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work, 2 to speak evil of no one, to avoid quarreling, to be gentle, and to show perfect courtesy toward all people. 3 For we ourselves were once foolish, disobedient, led astray, slaves to various passions and pleasures, passing our days in malice and envy, hated by others and hating one another.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be submissive to rulers and authorities. • Be obedient. • Be ready for every good work. • Speak evil of no one. • Avoid quarreling. • Be gentle. • Show perfect courtesy toward all people.
<p>(1 Peter 2:13–17 ESV) Be subject for the Lord’s sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme, 14 or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good. 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people. 16 Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God. 17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Be subject to government on every level. • Live as people who are free. • Do not abuse our freedom. • Live as servants of God. • Honor everyone. • Love the brotherhood. • Fear God. • Honor the president.