

**Transformed Living: “From Mistrust to a Higher Trust”
Romans 13:1-7**

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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,

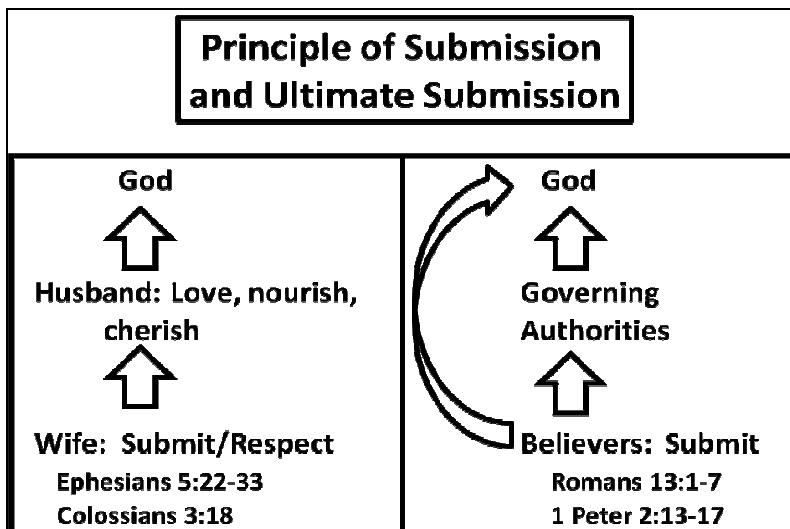
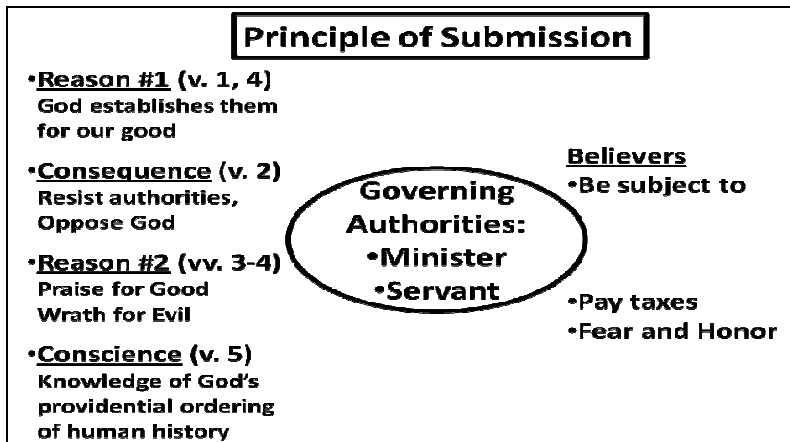
⁴ for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer.

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.

For further help, see 1 Timothy 2:1-6; Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17.



Principle of Resistance

•Dual Citizenship: Priority in Heaven

Philippians 3:20-21; Matthew 22:15-22

•Resistance:

-when the government commands
you to act contrary to God's Word
(Daniel 3, especially vv. 16-18)

-when the government prohibits you
from doing what God's Word commands
(Acts 4:18-19; 5:29)

Day by Day in the Word

"Day by Day in the Word" is a tool we use to help in the transformation process in which the Spirit of God uses the Word of God to bring about Christlikeness.

Monday-Tuesday

- Let's look at some biblical examples of commands given by authorities that are contrary to the Word of God. See Exodus 1:15-21; Exodus 5:1-2 and Exodus 7-12; 1 Kings 18:4, 13-15; and especially, Daniel 3:5, 18, 25-30.
- In what ways were the believers compelled to act in ways contrary to their beliefs? How did they respond?
- What principles can you take away from this study? What can you put into practice today? Discuss this with a friend or a group.

Wednesday-Thursday

- Let's look at some biblical examples of commands given by authorities that are contrary to the Word of God. See especially Daniel 6 (Daniel and the lions' den); Acts 4:18-22 (Acts 5:27-42); Revelation 13:14 (and, 12:11).
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Friday-Saturday

- Let's look at some biblical examples of commands given by authorities that are contrary to the Word of God. See the book of Esther who broke the restriction of approaching the king unbidden (Esther 4:11, 16); Rahab (Joshua 2); and, Obadiah hid the prophets (1 Kings 18:1-19).
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