

Living as Good Citizens – Romans 13:1-7 & I Timothy 2:1-2

Submit to the authority of the government. (Romans 13:1a)

- b/c it is instituted by God. (Romans 13:1b-2)
- b/c it is an instrument of God to restrain evil. (Romans 13:3-5)

We show our submission by paying our **taxes**. (Romans 13:6)

We show our submission by **respecting** and **honoring** those in authority. (Romans 13:7)

Pray for those in authority. (I Timothy 2:1-2)

- so that we might live peaceful, godly lives.

Questions for Discussion & Application:

1. What was difficult, helpful, or challenging from this study of God's Word?
2. What are some unique privileges and responsibilities that we enjoy in our nation that other Christians in different nations do not enjoy?
3. Do you consider yourself to be patriotic? If yes, what does it look like for you to be a patriotic Christian?
4. What are the limits of being patriotic for the Christian?
5. According to the Bible, how should we live as good citizens?
6. Which of these are most difficult for you to live out? Why?
7. What is the difference between the Kingdom of God and a physical nation such as the United States? To which kingdom is our greatest loyalty?

8. Is there any limit to our submission and obedience to government? (see Acts 4:19-20)
9. Why is it so important that we pray for our government leaders?
10. How are you challenged to think or live differently from our study of God's Word today?