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Romans: Submitting to Government Authority

Romans 13:1-7

Paul gives an unequivocal _____ (v. 1)

- We are to be _____ to the governing authorities.
- The text makes no distinction between _____ ones, bad ones; _____ ones, immoral ones, _____ ones, unfair ones, between democracies, _____, or dictatorships.

Is there a time when we're not to _____ the government?

- When the government _____ you to do what God commands you to do, you _____ what God commands you to do.
- When the government _____ you to do what God has not allowed you to do, that's where you _____.
- Other than these two, there are _____ reasons why we are to _____ the government.

Reason 1: Civil government is _____ ordained. (13:1b)

- Paul's entire argument is based upon a fundamental premise: God is _____.
- Submission to government is an _____ of our submission to God.

Reason 2: _____ (13:2-4)

- Resistance to governmental authority is resistance against _____, which eventually brings _____.
- Disregard for government's authority also has present _____.
- Government is given an unexpected title in verse 4—" _____ of _____."

Reason 3: A clear _____ (13:5-7)

- The _____ motivation that promotes submission is the fear of punishment.
- The motivation Paul calls for here is _____ - that of a desire to maintain a pure and undefiled _____.
- Mere outward compliance with the requirements of government is simply _____.
- God desires a fuller, deeper, obedience from the _____.
- The actions of verses 6 & 7 are the outflow of an _____ conscience and a spirit of _____.
 - Paying taxes
 - Giving honor

Application

1. Submission to God's authority _____ submission to government's authority.
2. Submission to God takes _____ over submission to government.
3. God glorifying submission to government _____ to the world how

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