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## I Peter 2 : 13

“...submit...to every ordinance of man...”

‘hupotasso’ - to subordinate; to subject one’s self, obey

‘ktisis’ – original formation; institution

Cuba – Dictatorship

Russia/China – Communism

U.S.A. – Democracy

“...whether it be to the king as supreme...”

What does this mean?

You submit to the highest authority in the land.

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## I Peter 2 : 14

“or to governors...” or “...to those who are sent...”

What does this mean?

To the highest authority in your area.

To those that authority has been delegated to.

According to Peter, what rights do they have?

“...for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good.”

‘ekdekesis’ – vindication, retribution

‘ekdikeo’ – to punish; to vindicate one’s right – to protect, defend, one person from another; to avenge a thing – to punish a person for a thing

‘kakopoios’ – a bad doer, (specifically) a criminal; malefactor

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I Peter 2 : 13, 15 – 16

Why do we submit?

“...for the Lord’s sake...this is the will of God...”

What purpose does it make?

“...to silence the ignorance of foolish men-”

‘phimoo’ – to muzzle

How does this put to silence the world?

“as free...but as bondservants of God.”

We are free, because of the blood of Christ. Yet we are bound to God.

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## I Peter 2 : 17

What is Peter's final point?

“...Honor the king.”

‘timao’ – to prize, that is, fix a valuation upon

## Daniel 6 : 21

The first words Daniel spoke?

“O king, live forever!”

Daniel Honored the king who sentenced him to death for doing no wrong. (22)

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## Romans 13 : 1 – 2

“...be subject to governing authorities...” (higher powers  
KJV/ASV)

‘hupotasso’ - to subordinate; to subject one’s self, obey

What is the penalty if we do not?

“...those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

Judgment from the authorities (higher powers).

Judgment from God.

“...no authority except from God...appointed by  
God...ordinance of God.”

‘diatage’ – arrangement, that is, institution

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## Romans 13 : 3 – 4

According to Paul, what rights do they have?

“...a terror...to evil...praise...good...”

‘phobos’ – from phebomai (to be put in fear), alarm or fright

Why is Government a terror?

“For he is...an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.”

‘ekdikos’ – carrying justice out, that is, a punisher

‘orge’ – (by analogy) violent passion; anger exhibited in punishment, hence used for punishment itself – of punishments inflicted by magistrates

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## Romans 13 : 4 – 5

Why is Government a terror?

“...he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God’s minister...”

‘machaira’ – a knife, that is dirk, figuratively war, judicial punishment

Whose sword does he bear?

God’s – God has given the right for a government to bring about swift judgment, to execute laws to punish evil doers.

So why do I obey the law?

Fear of “...wrath...”

From the law.

Fear of “...God’s wrath...”

Eternal judgment.



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## Romans 13 : 6 – 7

“...they are God’s ministers attending continually to this...”

What is Governments continual purpose?

To punish evil doers and praise good doers.

What is Paul’s final point?

“Render...all their due...”

“apodidomi” - to give away, that is, up, over, back, etc. (in various applications)

“...customs to whom customs...honor to whom honor.”

‘time’ –a value, by analogy esteem; honor which belongs or is shown to one – of the honor which one has by reason of rank and state of office which he holds

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## What are the roles of Government?

### 1) Protect Innocent

Provide tranquility and peace both domestic and foreign  
Police Force, National Guard, Military Defense

### 2) Punish Wrong Doers

Judicial System – Judges, Juries, Jails, Prisons, Death  
Penalty

Acts 25 : 11

“...if I am an offender...deserving of death, I do not  
object to dying...”

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Do Governments today have the obligation to punish evil doers?

Yes

Do Governments today have the obligation to protect its citizens from evil?

Whether domestic – Yes

Police and National Guard

Whether foreign – Yes

Military Defense

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Can we as citizens help our government in the task of protecting and punishing?

Yes

It is not a sin to be a police officer.

Even if you have to fire your weapon? Yes

It is not a sin to be in the military.

Even if you have to fire your weapon? Yes

It is not a sin to be on a jury or to be a judge.

Even if you sentence someone to death? Yes

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The real questions are:

Can YOU take a life as a police officer as a military officer?

Yes or No

Can YOU sentence someone to death?

Yes or No

If not, then you better choose a different profession.