

How to Stand When Your Government is Ungodly - Part 1: Heart

- 1. Discuss the following verse: Ps 118:8 It is better to trust in the Lord Than to put confidence in man. How does this correlate to our trust in government? How does this verse apply when we agree with the government's decisions or direction?
- 2. What are some things that the little defense attorney in your head tells you you don't have to do? How do we keep our hearts from acting in and justifying a rebellious posture?
- 3. How does how you respond to a government you disagree with correlate to your heart to reach the lost? How are they similar? How are they different?
- 4. Read 1 Peter 2:13-17. How does submission to the government in things not explicitly forbidden in scripture glorify God? In other words, when the governing authorities ask you to do something that DOES NOT go against the clear teaching of scripture, how does that obedience bring God glory?
- 5. Read Philippians 2:14-18
 What does complaining reveal about our hearts?
 What does confession reveal about our hearts?
 How does each correlate to how we speak of and act towards those in authority?
- 6. How does how we speak to others expose our hearts? James 1:19-20
- 7. What things can you implement this week that will cause you to be counter-cultural? Hint: These will not be easy. I.e., Loving your enemy.

