

SERMON NOTES

Date: February 19, 2017

Series: New Attitudes

Title: A New Attitude Toward Government

Text: Romans 13:1-7

Big Idea: God wants every believer to be subject to the government in both attitude and action.

I. Introduction

II. Four reasons all Christians must submit to the government.

1. Government is established by God. (v. 1)

2. Resistance to government is rebellion against God. (v. 2)

3. Government is God's servant to restrain evil and promote good. (vs. 3-5)

4. Government has a right to taxes and honor. (vs. 6-7)

STUDY GUIDE

For the Week of February 19, 2017
Questions for Personal Application and Small Group Discussion

REVIEW THE SERMON

Read Romans 13:1-7 and 1 Peter 2:13-17. Describe both the attitude and conduct that God expects Christians to have toward the government? _____

What are the consequences of both good and bad conduct? _____

According to what Jesus says in Matthew 22:15-22, why can we honor both God and government at the same time? _____

ASSESS YOUR LIFE

List some ways you manifest unsubmitive and rebellious attitudes toward the government. _____

What do these unsubmitive and rebellious attitudes toward the government reveal about your attitude toward God and His plan for government? _____

APPLY THE TRUTH

How can the fact that God establishes individual governments change the way you practically think of and speak of those in power? How can it change the way you pray? _____

Think of an example in the Bible or in church history where a man or woman of God disobeyed the government in order to obey God. What was the biblical rationale for their actions? How would you respond today if put in a similar situation? _____

COMMIT THIS WEEK

We often pray for the president and his administration, but do we know the leaders of our local government. Who are your local and state representatives? _____

Pray for them this week and even send them a note to let them know that you're praying regularly for God to guide them in wisdom and blessing.