

GOD, GOVERNMENT, AND ME

Romans Part 27
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I. THE _____ OF GOVERNMENT—three very clear Biblical truths

1. Civil government is a part of God's purpose for the world. (vs. 1-2)

The 3 Institutes God Established

* The _____. God created the family before there was government or anything else. Genesis 2:18-25.

* The _____. The Bible says that even before the world was created God had the church in His mind. (Acts 2)

* The _____. Not any specific kind but the concept of authority. (Rom. 13:1-7)

2. Government leaders are servants of God. (vs. 3-4)
Psalm 72:1-4, 12-14, Isa. 10:1-3

3. Civil government is only temporary. Daniel 10:44, 1 Cor. 15:24, Phil. 2:10-11

II. THE _____ OF GOVERNMENT
God established government for 4 very specific reasons:

1. The first purpose of government is to protect human life. Gen. 9:6, Deut. 17:2-7, 19:11-13, Exodus 20:13

2. The second purpose of government is to protect personal and property rights. Exodus 20:14-17

3. The third purpose of government is to handle disputes between people. Deuteronomy 1:12-17

4. The fourth purpose of government is to punish lawbreakers. Rom. 13:4 "the sword" 1 Pet 2:13-15

III. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND _____
TO THE GOVERNMENT

1. I am a citizen of two worlds. Phil. 3:20, Eph. 2:19, Luke 20:22-25

2. My primary obedience is to God. Acts 4:13-20, 5:27-29, Matt 6:33

3. I am to obey the law whenever possible. Titus 3:1

FOUR REASONS

* God has established _____. (Rom. 13:1)

* I'm to obey the law for my own _____. (Rom. 13:3-4)

* To maintain a clear _____. (Rom. 13:5)

* To maintain a good _____. (1 Pet. 2:13-15)

4. I am to pray for public officials. 1 Tim. 2:1-3

5. I am to pay taxes required by my government. Rom. 13:6-7, Luke 20:25

6. As a Christian, I am to influence my government for good. Matt. 5:13-16

Isaiah 9:6: "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Affirmation Statements:

Jesus, Be My Wonderful Counselor!

Jesus, You are My Mighty God!

Jesus, Be My Everlasting Father! (Be in me what I cannot be!)

Jesus, You are My Prince of Peace!