
*"God, Government,
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4 Pillars of Authority

1) *Family*

2) *Government*

3) *Business*

4) *Church*

Reasons We Submit to Our Governing Authorities

1) They Have Been Established By God

Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

Romans 13:1

Reasons We Submit to Our Governing Authorities

2) Resistance to Governing Authorities is Rebellion Against God

*Consequently, he who rebels against the
authority is rebelling against what God has
instituted...*

Romans 13:2

Reasons We Submit to Our Governing Authorities

**3) Rebellling Against
Governing Authorities
Brings Judgment on
Ourselves**

*Consequently, he who rebels
against the authority is
rebellious against what God
has instituted and those who
do so will bring judgment on
themselves.*

Romans 13:2

Reasons We Submit to Our Governing Authorities

4) Governing Authorities Exist for our Good

For he is God's servant to do you good.

Romans 13:4

Reasons We Submit to Our Governing Authorities

**5) We Submit to Governing
Authorities for Conscience
Sake – Not Just to Avoid
Punishment**

Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

Romans 13:5

Ways We Rebel

1) *Tax Fraud/Evasion*

2) *Insurance Fraud*

3) *Welfare Fraud*

4) *Credit Card Fraud*

5) *Identity Theft*

6) *Check Kiting*

7) *Violating Local Ordinances*

8) *Violating Traffic Laws*

Ways We Submit to Our Employers

1) We Submit In Everything

Slaves [servants], obey your earthly masters in everything;

Colossians 3:22

Ways We Submit to Our Employers

2) We Submit When They Aren't Looking

Slaves [servants], obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor...

Colossians 3:22

Ways We Submit to Our Employers

3) We Submit From Our Hearts for the Lord's Sake

Slaves [servants], obey your earthly masters in everything; and do it, not only when their eye is on you and to win their favor but with sincerity of heart and reverence for the Lord.

Colossians 3:22

Ways We Submit to Our Employers

4) We Know Who Our Real Boss Is

Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.

Colossians 3:23-24

Word to Employers

1) Be Just & Fair

*Masters [bosses], grant to your slaves
[employees] justice and fairness...(NASB)*

Colossians 4:1

Word to Employers

2) Remember Who Your Boss Is

Masters [bosses], grant to your slaves [employees] justice and fairness knowing that you too have a Master in heaven.

Colossians 4:1

Your Response

Governing Authorities

1) Are we truly submitting to the governing authorities in our lives?

2) Are we teaching the next generation to submit to governing authorities as God has prescribed or do we encourage them to challenge and rebel?

Your Response

Employees

- 1) What kind of employee are you?
- 2) Are you honoring God by the way you graciously submit to those God has placed over you?
- 3) Are you a witness to Christ by your work performance, production and character?
- 4) Do you work as unto the Lord Christ?

Your Response

Managers/Supervisors

- 1) Are you just and fair with your employees?
- 2) Do you remember that you too have a boss – God.

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