

# Authority Issues

## All In, Part 2

Romans 13:1-7

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- When deciding whether to obey authority, we typically want to evaluate correctness and consequences.
- But the Bible tells us that the right question is, "Who stands behind that authority?"

*Everyone must submit to governing authorities. For all authority comes from God, and those in positions of authority have been placed there by God.*

*So anyone who rebels against authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and they will be punished.*

Romans 13:1,2 NLT

1. All authority is \_\_\_\_\_ by God.

- In history and in our lives, God works through authorities—even pagan authorities.

2. Rebelling against authority brings \_\_\_\_\_ from God.

Your attitude and response to human authorities is a reflection of your attitude and response to your Father in heaven.

- All authority serves God, intentionally or unintentionally.
- When we resist authority, we are actually working against God.

*For the authorities do not strike fear in people who are doing right, but in those who are doing wrong. Would you like to live without fear of the authorities? Do what is right, and they will honor you.*

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*The authorities are God's servants, sent for your good.*

*But if you are doing wrong, of course you should be afraid, for they have the power to punish you. They are God's servants, sent for the very purpose of punishing those who do what is wrong. So you must submit to them, not only to avoid punishment but also to keep a clear conscience.*

Romans 13:3-5 NLT

- We will be punished for rebelling against authority, even if our viewpoint is correct.

*Pay your taxes, too, for these same reasons. For government workers need to be paid. They are serving God in what they do.*

*Give to everyone what you owe them: Pay your taxes and government fees to those who collect them, and give respect and honor to those who are in authority.*

Romans 13:6-7 NLT

- We are responsible to obey our government and pay taxes even if we disagree with what our government is doing.
- We give respect and honor to those in authority even when we disagree with them.

*\*All scriptures from TNIV unless otherwise noted*