

Should Christians Be Involved in Politics?

Series: Questions – Big Questions. Real Answers.

– Romans 13:1-7 –

1. The Source of Government

2. The Purpose of Government

3. The Support of Government

Two Exceptions:

1. We don't obey laws that command us to do something

that God clearly **FORBIDS**.

2. We don't obey laws that forbid us to do something

that God clearly **COMMANDS**.

Application Questions. . .

1. What part of the text or message had the greatest impact on you? Where were you most encouraged, intrigued, or challenged?
2. How is our response to authority a reflection on our faith?
3. Compare this passage with I Peter 2:13-17. How would you honor an emperor like Nero? Is there a difference between *submitting* and *unconditionally obeying* authorities?
4. Some argue that it is wrong for Christians to protest at abortion clinics or at civil rights marches. Others argue that it is wrong not to do these things. What is your view and why?
5. To what extent (if any) is it right to use satire, sarcasm, or ridicule toward government leaders in view of vs. 7?
6. In what practical ways do Christians in this country today especially need to heed and apply these principles for relating to our government?
7. How would a person's relationships change if he went from thinking about what people in his life owe him, to what he owes to the people around him (vss. 7-8)?

