

# SERMON NOTES

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## The Christian and Government

Romans 13:1-7 | Trent Thompson

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**Main Point: The gospel makes Christians who relate rightly to governing authority.**

**We submit to governing authority. (1,5)**

**We believe God appoints the who, where, how long, and to what end of governing authority. (1)**

**We call on those who govern to punish wrong and reward right. (3-4)**

**We pay taxes. (6)**

**We show respect and honor. (7)**

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## ***LifeGroup Discussion Questions:***

1. If you could pick one thing for Christians to get better at, specifically related to our approach to government and governing authorities, what would it be?
2. Read Romans 13:1-7. What stood out to you in this week's passage or from the sermon?
3. Why do you think Paul takes the time to address this subject?
4. What are ways a Christian in our society can demonstrate subjection to governing authorities?
5. Why is it important to know that God appoints who governs, where, and for how long?
6. What does it look like to relate to governing authorities with respect and honor when you strongly disagree with or dislike them?

## ***B.L.E.S.S. Question of the Week:***

***What would you need to change about your approach to politics for it to be a witness to an unbeliever regarding your love for and trust in God?***

## **Memory Verse:**

**“Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.”**

**- Romans 13:1**

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