

IN GOD WE TRUST

POLITICS AND CULTURE
WITHOUT THE PERSONALITIES

God and Government

Romans 13:1-7

Government is God's plan for humanity.

Government has (at least) three functions.

1. To provide order.

2. To provide protection.

3. To promote good.

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My Application

Use the following questions this week to reflect on what it would mean to align yourself with the truths taught in Scripture. Each question is meant for both personal reflection and as a catalyst for discussion with your family, friends, or small group.

1. Do you tend to have a positive or negative attitude toward government? Why?
2. What would life be like without any form of government? (See Judges 17:6) Who gets hurt? (See Psalms 82:2-4)
3. To “submit” means to arrange under. How do we arrange our life and resources under the government? (See Romans 13:1-2) Give specific examples. What happens if we don’t? (See 1 Peter 2:15-16)
4. How can our frustrations with our governmental leaders create a meaningful connection with God and others? (Consider Matthew 6:9-10, 1 Timothy 2:1-4 and Hebrews 11:13-16)

Memory Verse

“Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.”

1 Peter 2:17