

“How To Live The Rest Of Your Life”

Romans 13:1-14

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Why Obey The Government

Romans 13:1-7

1. Because The Government Is A Part Of God’s Plan! Romans 13:1-2

“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

2. For My Own Good!

Romans 13:3-4

“For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.”

- Romans 13:3

3. To Maintain A Clear Conscience!

Romans 13:5

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

- Romans 13:5

4. To Maintain a Good Testimony!

I Peter 2:13-15

“For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.”

- I Peter 2:15

Two Questions Regarding The Government:

1. Why Do I Need To Pay My Taxes?

Romans 13:6-7

“This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.”

- Romans 13: 6-7

2. Is It Ever Right To Disobey The Government?

Acts 4:1-20;5:17-29

Basic Principles On How To Live

Romans 13:8-14

1. Pay Up! I Am To Pay What I Owe!

Romans 13:8a

“Let no debt remain outstanding...” – Romans 13:8a

2. Build Up! I am to love without Exceptions or Conditions!

Romans 13:8b-10

“...except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law... Love your neighbor as yourself, Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.”

- Romans 13:8b-10 (parts of)

3. Wake Up! I am to be Spiritually Alive and Growing!

Romans 13:11

“And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed.”

- Romans 13:11

4. Gear Up! I am to be prepared to do Good!

Romans 13:12

“The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.”

- Romans 13:12

5. Clean Up! I am to live a Pure Life!

Romans 13:13

“Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.”

- Romans 13:12

6. Dress Up! I am to put God On Every Day!

Romans 13:14

“Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.”

- Romans 13:14