

WHO'S IN CHARGE?

Welcome to New Harvest and our challenging and inspirational study of the Book of Romans. Today we open the Scriptures to the topic of “governing authorities.”

Romans 13:1-7

These are challenging words no matter what; but think about living in a country run by Nero: Became Emperor in 54 A.D. , blamed the Christians for the fire in Rome in 64 A.D., made killing Christians entertainment, Had his mother and wife murdered.

1) God's Delegated Authority

“The authorities that exist have been established by God.” v.1

In verse 4, they are called “God's servants”

I Peter 2:13-17

2) God's Desired Attitude

“Be subject” or “humility”

“It is necessary to submit to the authorities . . . also as a matter of conscience” (v.5)

I Timothy 2:1-4

3) God's Determined Assurance

Jesus said, “Give to Caesar what is Caesar's . . .”

What does it mean to give God what is his? 1st place, trust

Romans 8:28

Reflective Questions:

1. When was the last time you got a traffic ticket? How did you feel about the police officer?
2. Why do you think authority is important? Why do we struggle with the government so much? What do we learn in these verses that will help us?
3. What might you pray for concerning our country, our leaders and the needs of our U.S society?



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