

GOD, GOVERNMENT, AND CHRISTIANS

Romans 13:1-7

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What do we need to know about God and government?

1. God establishes government for a purpose.

A. Government is God's servant

"I have lived, Sir, a long time, and the longer I live, the more convincing proofs I see of this truth- that God Governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without his notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without his aid?" Benjamin Franklin, July 28, 1787

B. Government is designed to work for our good.

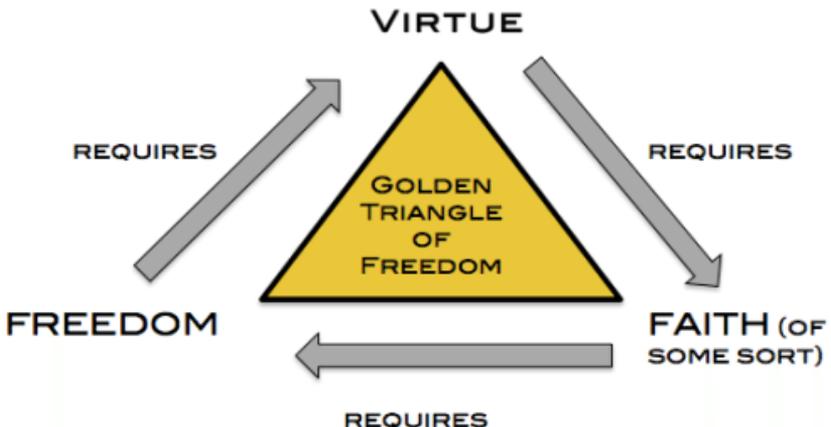
C. Government is designed to punish evildoers.

2. God commands us to submit to governing authorities.

A. We are to obey the laws and pay our taxes.

B. We are to honor the office of authority.

C. We are to participate in the process.



3. God reminds us there are times for civil disobedience.

- A. We obey until our obedience becomes disobedience to God.
"Whether it is right in the sight of God to give heed to you rather than to God, you be the judge; for we cannot stop speaking what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20
- B. We never bow at the altar of government.
- C. We accept the consequences of disobedience.

Are you really trusting in God?