

5. In Romans 13:7, Paul tells us to give everyone what we owe him. To whom do you owe each of the following, and what does it look like?

Taxes and revenue

Respect (literally "fear"; see 1 Peter 2:17)

Honor (see Ephesians 6:1-3; 1 Peter 2:17)

Let's Pray:

Sermon Notes

"Submitting to God through Submitting to Government"

Romans 13:1-7

August 23, 2020

Introduction:

Command (13:1a)

Rationale (13:1b-5)

Application (13:6-7)

Digging Deeper:

2. Why should Christians submit to governing authorities?

Romans 13:1-2

Romans 13:3-5

3. Some people think that in 13:3-4, Paul is writing only of the ideal function of rulers, not necessarily of what real rulers do. What reasons for and against this interpretation can you suggest?

Conclusion:

Growth Group Homework

For the week of 08-23-20

Questions adapted from Karen Lee-Thorp, ed., Life Change Series: Romans, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1987, p. 173-178; James Galvin, ed., et al., New Testament Lesson Maker, NavPress, Colorado Springs, CO, 1992, pp. 235-36.

Getting Started:

1. What irritates you the most about government?

4. How do the authorities in your country and locality do you good (13:4)?