

Against the Flow (Courageous Christian Living)

Part Two: Render to Caesar

Romans 13:1-14

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1. Each of us should submit to governing authorities (Romans 13:1a)
 - Submission means accepting their God-ordained role.
 - Submission is never absolute.
2. Governmental authority is ordained by God (Romans 13:1b-2)
 - God is the ultimate source of all authority.
 - Rebellion against governmental authority is rebellion against God's established order.
3. The primary purpose of government is moral enforcement (Romans 13:3-4)
 - Not the enforcement of all morality.
 - The enforcement of laws that serve the common good.
4. For a Christian, it's a matter of conscience to "pay" what we owe (Romans 13:5-10)
 - To governmental authorities
 - To every person
 - To God