

What We Owe the Government **Romans 13:5-7**

Summary: two reasons to submit to the government, 5

- Reason #1 reason to submit = wrath (v. 4)
- Reason #2 reason to submit = conscience (Acts 24:16), since we know God established government, 13:1-4.

Specifics: four obligations towards the government, 6-7

- Because of the role God gives government as His servants, we are obligated to submit—beginning with paying our taxes.
- Obligations we all have towards governing officials:

1. Pay taxes on person and property (tribute tax).
2. Pay taxes on imports, sales, tolls, etc. (revenue taxes)

Question: Why focus on taxes? How did Jesus deal with the issues of paying taxes?

Question: But what if taxes are just too high or our tax monies are wasted or used on inappropriate projects?

3. Fear/respect authority figures.
4. Honor authority figures.

Governing authorities are to be respected/honored since they are “God’s servants” (3x called such), not just if they are honorable or worthy. See also I Pt. 2:12-17.

