

4. How does ACTS 23:1-5 illustrate the teaching of ROMANS 13:7?

5. If one country's government has abandoned God's design for government, is it right for another country to go to war with them? Explain.

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## PERSONAL APPLICATION

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1. In what specific areas (if any) do you find yourself at odds with governing officials?
2. What Biblical direction can you find addressing these issues? (If you are uncertain, seek the advice of a trusted spiritually-mature Christian.)
3. Pray for believers in areas of the world where Christians are being persecuted.

If you have never been *born again*, contact Pastor Keith or a trusted Christian friend this week to find out how.

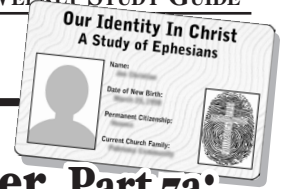


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WEEKLY STUDY GUIDE

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# Submitting to One Another, Part 7a: Submission to Civic Authorities

Introduction: EPHESIANS 5:15-21; ROMANS 13:1-7

- I. Why are Christians and government \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_?
- A. The state is \_\_\_\_\_ while Christianity is \_\_\_\_\_.  
HEBREWS 11:13; PHILIPPIANS 3:20
- B. Civic governments \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity as \_\_\_\_\_ to their \_\_\_\_\_.
- C. At times Christians are \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ than \_\_\_\_\_. ACTS 5:29
- D. Some government officials \_\_\_\_\_ their \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ Christianity.
- E. \_\_\_\_\_ are often \_\_\_\_\_ to see the \_\_\_\_\_ as their \_\_\_\_\_.

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## STUDY & DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

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II. What does \_\_\_\_\_  
regarding government?

- God \_\_\_\_\_  
to \_\_\_\_\_ civil government.  
ROMANS 13:1; 1 PETER 2:13–14

III. Does God want \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_?

A. \_\_\_\_\_ is an  
\_\_\_\_\_  
to a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
EPHESIANS 6:5–6

B. \_\_\_\_\_ is based on an  
\_\_\_\_\_ of  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. ROMANS 13:1,6,7

C. God wants \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_. TITUS 3:1

Conclusion: \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_  
is God's \_\_\_\_\_ expressed \_\_\_\_\_ for you.

1. ROMANS 13:1 says *there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.*

Is this true regarding the evil government regimes of people like Joseph Stalin, Adolph Hitler or Mao Tse-Tung? Explain.

2. ROMANS 13:4 says the government is *God's servant for your good*. When an official is no longer doing good, is the Christian released from his responsibility to submit? Defend your answer.

3. Is it possible to practice the *submission principle* without obeying the person in charge? Explain.