**Rules/Laws**

**We are a society that must function with standards and rules. Some of these things have become law and is a requirement that all follow while others may be guidelines. In most cases failure to follow these rules or laws may have consequences. Without rules and laws you could have chaos. But what if you fundamentally disagree with those laws or rules. The bibles does to teach us to be obedient to the rules and laws that we are subject to. Most rules and laws have mechanism or way to respectfully challenge the merits or fairness of it. This do not mean that you blindly follow a rule or law that violates the principles of our beliefs. However we must follow the proper procedure. Just because you disagree with a teacher or a boss does not mean you cannot follow the rules, policies or procedures. Let’s see what the bible tells us on this.**

[**Romans 13:1-14**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+13%3A1-14&version=ESV) **Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. ...**

[**Titus 3:1**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Titus+3%3A1&version=ESV) **Remind them to be submissive to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good work,**

[**Acts 5:29**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+5%3A29&version=ESV) **But Peter and the apostles answered, “We must obey God rather than men.**

[**Romans 2:1-29**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Romans+2%3A1-29&version=ESV) **Therefore you have no excuse, O man, every one of you who judges. For in passing judgment on another you condemn yourself, because you, the judge, practice the very same things. We know that the judgment of God rightly falls on those who practice such things. Do you suppose, O man—you who judge those who practice such things and yet do them yourself—that you will escape the judgment of God? Or do you presume on the riches of his kindness and forbearance and patience, not knowing that God's kindness is meant to lead you to repentance? But because of your hard and impenitent heart you are storing up wrath for yourself on the day of wrath when God's righteous judgment will be revealed. ...**

[**1 John 3:4**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+John+3%3A4&version=ESV) **Everyone who makes a practice of sinning also practices lawlessness; sin is lawlessness.**

[**Galatians 5:19-21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A19-21&version=ESV) **Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

[**Matthew 18:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+18%3A18&version=ESV) **Truly, I say to you, whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.**

[**John 20:23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+20%3A23&version=ESV) **If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld.”**

[**John 1:17**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+1%3A17&version=ESV) **For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ.**

[**Matthew 5:17-18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Matthew+5%3A17-18&version=ESV) **“Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them. For truly, I say to you, until heaven and earth pass away, not an iota, not a dot, will pass from the Law until all is accomplished**