

The Believer's Relationship to the Government. Romans 13:1-8

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I. SYNOPSIS STATEMENT. 13:1a

- A. An Inclusive Statement.
- B. A Statement About Submitting.
- C. A Statement in Relation to Governing Authorities.

II. EXPLANATION — REASON. 13:1b

- A. All Governmental Authority Exists From and by God.
- B. Existing Authorities Have Been Ordered by God.

III. IMPLICATION. 13:2-4

- A. Rebellion—Resistance—Judgment. 13:2

Greek	<i>antitassō</i> "To arrange oneself against"	<i>anthistāmi</i> (<i>anti-istāmi</i>) "To stand against"	
NKJV	"Whoever Resists"	"Resists"	"resists"
NASB	"Whoever Resists"	"Has opposed"	"who have opposed"
ESV	"whoever resists"	"Resists"	"Those who resist"
NIV	"whoever rebels"	"Is rebelling against"	"Those who do"
CSB17	"The one who resists"	"Is opposing"	"Those who oppose"
NET	"the person who resists"	"Resists"	"Those who resist"

- B. The Relationship Between God—Governmental Authority—and Judgment. 13:3-4
 - 1. The Ruler's Relationship to People Who Do Good and Evil. 3a
 - 2. The Believer's Relationship to the Rulers. 3b
 - 3. The Ruler's Relationship to God. 4a
 - 4. The Rulers Responsibility Before God. 4b

IV. CONCLUSION. 13:5

- A. You Must Submit
- B. Two Reasons
 - 1. Wrath — Because of Your Relationship to the Governmental Authorities.
 - 2. Conscience — Because of Your Relationship to God.

V. APPLICATION. 13:6-7

- A. You Are To Support the Government. 6
- B. This Is an Obligation. 7
 - 1. Taxes Are Owed to the Government.
 - 2. If Each Authority Structure That God Has Set Up, There Is Some Kind of Service-Obligation Relationship.
 - 3. What Is Obligated: Money and Respect.