

Authority/Power/Submission/Cultural Engagement

Reflection

- **What did you think of the protest last Tuesday?**
- **What do you think is the right Christian response when we don't agree with those who are in authority over us?**
- **How should the Christ follower interact with government? What if the government is acting in a way we think is contrary to the ways of God?**
- **Have you even had to work for an ungodly boss?**
- **Have you every had a professor or teacher that attacked your faith?**

Life Approach 2 Timothy 3:16

Submit to the authority of God's Word.

16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, 17 so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work. 2 Timothy 3:16

13 Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God. 2 Consequently, whoever rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. 3 For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and you will be commended. 4 For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the

wrongdoer. 5 Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also as a matter of conscience.

6 This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. 7 Give to everyone what you owe them: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor. Romans 13:1-7

Governing Authorities Romans 13:1-7

- 1. Governing authorities are under God's sovereignty.**
- 2. Submission means I will seek to do right and bless those over me.**

19 But Peter and John replied, "Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to Him? You be the judges! 20 As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard." Acts 4:19-20

- **There may be times when submission to God will put you at odds with your authority. Follow God but realize you may have to suffer consequences for this obedience. Acts 4:19-20**

2 I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people— 2 for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. 1 Timothy 2:2

Pray for Your Authorities

Pray that you may live out your faith in peace.

Prayer