

Romans 13

King James Version (KJV)

13 Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God. (We need government in order to have a working society)

²Whosoever therefore resisteth the power, resisteth the ordinance of God: and they that resist shall receive to themselves damnation. (Don't be a rebel. Don't break the law. The government will always win. You're just wasting your life. If you have corrupt politicians, vote them out)

³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to the evil. Wilt thou then not be afraid of the power? do that which is good, and thou shalt have praise of the same: (Usually, if you obey the laws, the government won't bother you. However, if that's not possible, then leave)

NOTE: (The day will come when the world government will forbid us praying to God. They will insist that we worship antichrist. That will be the time for disobedience. Never let a civil government come between you and God)

⁴For he is the minister of God to thee for good. But if thou do that which is evil, be afraid; for he beareth not the sword in vain: for he is the minister of God, a revenger to execute wrath upon him that doeth evil. (A good government is there to protect and to serve the citizens. That's why we allow them to be armed. It's up to the people to pick good leaders)

⁵Wherefore ye must needs be subject, not only for wrath, but also for conscience sake. (We all have a conscience. Listen to it)

⁶For for this cause pay ye tribute also: for they are God's ministers, attending continually upon this very thing. (Pay your taxes. They support your government)

⁷Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.

⁸Owe no man any thing, but to love one another: for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law. (Don't be a permanent borrower. Do not borrow from friends. Repay all of your debts)

(Don't be a deadbeat who lives on government welfare. Get a job and earn your own living. With that comes self respect and pride in your accomplishments)

⁹For this, Thou shalt not commit adultery, Thou shalt not kill, Thou shalt not steal, Thou shalt not bear false witness, Thou shalt not covet; and if there be any other commandment, it is briefly comprehended in this saying, namely, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. (Obey the Ten Commandments. They are the guide to having a good, honest life)

(kill = only a criminal homicide; not a soldier defending your nation; not a person defending your family or yourself; not an accident where someone died)

¹⁰Love worketh no ill to his neighbour: therefore love is the fulfilling of the law. (A good neighbor is worth his weight in gold. Be a good neighbor to others and they will do the same for you)

¹¹And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. (Be aware of Biblical prophesy. The end times are getting close. Stay alert and be ready)

¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light. (Stay in God's Word. That is your armor against the evils of this world)

¹³Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. (Stay away from the traps of this world. They will try to enslave you)

¹⁴But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof. (Don't succumb to the weaknesses of your flesh body. Keep your eye on the prize)