

The Christian's Duty Towards Civil Magistrates (LBCF 24.3)

Survey of Scripture

1. Civil magistrates being set up by God for the ends aforesaid; subjection, in all lawful things commanded by them, ought to be yielded by us in the Lord, not only for wrath, but for conscience sake; (Rom 13:5-7; 1 Pet 2:17)
2. and we ought to make supplications and prayers for kings and all that are in authority, that under them we may live a quiet and peaceable life, in all godliness and honesty. (1 Tim 2:1-2)

What Does This Teach Us?

A duty of _____

1. There are a number of passages that teach the duty of Christians towards civil authority: Romans 13:1-7; Proverbs 16:14-15; 19:12; 20:2; 24:21-22; 25:15; 28:2; Titus 3:1; 1 Peter 2:13-14.
2. This duty of submission is not _____.
3. How are we to define what is lawful?
 - a. The Word of God must be our _____ defining authority.
 - b. Our opinions, feelings, traditions and our convenience do not _____.
 - c. Note the response of Peter and John in Acts 4:19: they were notably _____.
 - d. Paul's response in Acts 23:1-5 shows a response to authority - note verse 5 where Paul shows a _____ because he had spoken against the High Priest

A Duty of _____

1. Waldron, The clear goal of our prayers for our civil authorities is our tranquility of life to the end of the _____ prosperity.
 - a. The _____ of these prayers is that they are to be 'entreaties, prayers, petitions and thanksgivings' to God 'on behalf of kings and all who are in authority'.
 - b. We are to pray for the _____ of all men and especially for the welfare of our rulers in order that, firstly, they might be saved and secondly, that their rule might prosper and prevail so that they can protect us from those who would disturb our tranquility.
2. This does not mean that imprecatory prayers are _____ appropriate; it does mean that our basic attitude towards our rulers as expressed in our prayers is to be _____.

Is Revolution Ever Right?

1. To submit to our rulers means to put ourselves _____ their authority.
 - a. Paul is saying that we are not to _____ against our civil authorities
 - b. Paul is saying that these Jewish believers should not participate in the growing _____.
 - c. Peter also says the same thing in 1 Peter 4:15; where he notes actions of _____.
 - d. This certainly could call into question the founding roots of our country (one could argue the submission was not a lawful submission), but certainly those who refuse to _____ or other actions.
2. Romans 13:2 tells us it is a sin to _____ our authorities.

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