

AN EXCELLENT CITIZEN
A Biblical Lesson In Civics
Rom. 13:1-7

“Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Rom. 13:1

The Rendering of Human Government

Government is **ordained** by God (vs. 1)

Consider these rulers: Nebuchadnezzar (Dan. 2:21), Pharaoh (Ro. 9:17), Pilate (John 19:11), Caesar (Rom. 13:1)

Government is **ordered** by God (vs. 2)

The Reasons for Human Government

To **Restrain** Evil (vs. 3-4)

(Note: *While you cannot legislate morality, you can legislate against immorality.*)

To **Reward** Good (vs. 3b-4a)

The Requirements for Human Government (vs. 6-9)

To determine and protect the **rights** of its citizens

To determine and enforce the **responsibilities** of its citizens

A Christian should **submit** to the government

A Christian should **support** the government

A Christian should **serve** the government