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LIVING A LIFE OF JOY: LIVING AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN PART 2

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1 Peter 2:13-17 / Romans 13:1-5

LIVE AS CITIZENS OF HEAVEN: SUBMIT TO AUTHORITY

God requires us to _____ to the human institutions of _____ that He has put in place. (v.13-14)
_____ governing authority was put in those places of authority by God Himself! (John 19:10-11)

And because God put the governing authorities in place...

1. We are to submit to them whether we _____ for them or not!
2. We are to submit to them whether we _____ them or not!
3. We are to submit to them whether we like their _____ or not!
4. We are to submit to them whether we approve of their _____ or not!

Why must we submit to earthly government as citizens of heaven?

Because...

1. God _____ it! (v.13)
2. By doing so, we may _____ more people to Jesus! (v.15-16)

Are there any exceptions to this?

We should obey all the laws and respect all authority, unless that authority requires us to do something God _____ or forbids us from not doing something God _____.

(Acts 4:18-20; Acts 5:27-29; Matthew 22:19-21)

Instead of being preoccupied with political and social reform, Jesus always focused on matters pertaining to His _____.

Be a good citizen, submit to authority, obey the Law, vote, but make sure your first allegiance is to your true king, _____ (v.17)

Christians have obligations to the government, but their obligations to God and to other _____ are higher.