

4. How would you counsel fellow believers to live under the pressure of evil empires as so many do in the world today?

5. Why does Paul highlight “good conduct” in the context of counseling believers how to live in peace with governing authorities?

6. Explain Paul’s use of maintaining a clear conscience as it relates to the believer in relationship to government? (v.5)

*“When you know that all is God’s, then anything you render to Caesar you will render for God’s sake.” - John Piper*

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## Introduction

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**Questions**  
**Romans 13:1-7**

**Ice Breaker:** What is your definition of “good government”?

1. What does the context of the Gospel, as explained in the book of Romans, have to do with Paul's emphasis on submission to “governing authorities”?
2. Why is the theme of “submission” so important in the New Testament, especially in the first seven verses of Romans 13?
3. If all authority belongs to God (v.1) then how do believers reconcile the presence of dictatorial regimes and persecuting authorities? How are they “God's servants”? (v.4)