



## **Our Relationship to Those in Authority**

### **Titus 3:1-2**

**<sup>1</sup>Remind the believers to submit to the government and its officers. They should be obedient, always ready to do what is good. <sup>2</sup>They must not slander anyone and must avoid quarreling. Instead, they should be gentle and show true humility to everyone.**

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1. Does your life reflect obedience to the civil laws, guidelines and regulations that the government has established? Where do you skirt the law or find yourself tempted to skirt the law?  
**1 Peter 2:13-15; Romans 13:1-7; Ecclesiastes 8:2-3**
2. Is your mindset a mindset of service toward those in government? Are you eager to do good things? Does this result in creating goodwill and a conducive environment for spreading the gospel?  
**Matthew 5:41; Galatians 6:10; 1 Timothy 2:10, 5:10, 6:18**
3. What is your attitude toward those in authority? Parents, teachers, supervisors, elders and church leaders, town council, the IRS, DNR, law enforcement? What do your words say about your attitude towards government? Is the gospel your goal? Is there evidence in your actions and attitudes that this is true? Do you pray for the leaders that God has appointed to authority?  
**1 Timothy 2:1-4; 1 Thessalonians 5:15; Acts 16:25; Romans 12:18; Ephesians 6:12**
4. Paul says to avoid quarreling. In other words, don't swing back even when we may have the right to. Instead, response with gentleness and humility. Do you work for peace with those that you disagree with? Do you approach every disagreement, every conflict, every differing viewpoint with humility?  
**1 Timothy 2:1-2**