

Gray Matters

pt. 5 – Politically Correct, Constitutionally Incorrect

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Romans 13; Acts 4

ORIGINS OF GOVERNMENT

Government was **Instituted** by God. Genesis 1:27-28, Genesis 9:1-6

It is out of God’s concern for life that we have the groundwork for human **Law** and for human **Government**

GOVERNMENT WAS INSTITUTED BY GOD TO...

Protect human life Genesis 9:1-6

Maintain order 1 Corinthians 14:33

Uphold justice Romans 13:1-7

Restrict violence Romans 13:1-7

Punish wrongdoers Romans 13:1-7

For His own Sovereign **Purposes** Daniel 4:25, Psalm 75:7

CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY TO GOVERNMENT/AUTHORITIES

Respect Titus 3:1-2; 1 Peter 2:13-17

Obey Romans 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-14

Pay Taxes Mark 12:14-17; Romans 13:1-7

Pray for Government Leaders 1 Timothy 2:1-4

Civil Disobedience 1 Exodus 1:15-21; Exodus 5:2; Daniel 3:12-18; Daniel 6:1-28; Revelation 2:10; 12:11; Acts 4:18-20, 5:28-29

WHEN to Disobey Government

WHEN IT PROMOTES UNBIBLICAL LAWS Antipromulgation	WHEN IT COMPELS US TO DO EVIL Anticompulsion
When it permits evil	When it commands evil
When it disseminates/promotes evil laws	When it compels evil actions
When it limits freedom	When it negates freedom
When it is politically oppressive	When it is religiously oppressive

HOW to Disobey Government

REVOLT	REFUSAL
Revolt against it violently	Refuse to obey it nonviolently
Fight it	Flee it
Reject its punishment	Accept its punishment

Christian Ethics: Contemporary Issues & Options, Geisler, Norman L., p. 248, 251

Resources:

www.alliancedefendingfreedom.org/pulpitfreedom

www.istandsunday.com

www.houstontx.gov/equal_rights_ordinance.pdf

www.persecution.com