

“Our Civic Response to the Gospel”

Romans 13:1-14

Intro: It seems through most of church history Christians have had a stressful relationship with their government. Even in our country, founded on religious liberty, we hear many times of people who use their Christian faith as a reason to reject the government’s authority in their lives. How should we respond?

I. We should respond to all authority as _____ (1-5)

- All _____ comes from God (1)
- Resistance brings _____ (2)
- We should have nothing to _____ (3-5)
 - _____ makes us _____

II. We should give the _____ due to each person. (6-10)

- We owe all men _____.
- It shows whose _____ we follow (12:19)
- It shows who _____ our spirits (Gal 5:22-23)

III. We can serve _____ by serving _____ (11-14)

- The _____ of time should motivate us.
- Our _____ should be light
- We should not _____ the _____.

Conclusion – Most of the time, if there is a conflict with a governing authority, the conflict stems from a sin issue in our lives. We need to realize that submission to our authority is obedience to our God.

“The Worth of Our Word.”

Leviticus 27

Intro: Leviticus continues to come back to the theme of vows. We have seen an example of a vow made in haste, yet fulfilled, and Israel would probably see all manner of vows made, and many made with the hope of exploiting a loophole. In Leviticus 27 God defines the acceptable loopholes, and we learn the value of a person’s word.

I. Your word is worth _____ than your _____

II. It is _____ to go back on your word.

III. We must _____ our words _____

Conclusion – God, in His wisdom, knew the propensity of man to find loopholes in everything. The desire of man to get by with the bare minimum on their promises. Here, God explains the cost of being cheap with our promises.

Romans

Intro:

- I. God's, Authority, damnation, fear, conscience, fear.
- II. Good, love, authority, rules
- III. God, Others, shortness, example, serve, flesh

Conclusion:

Leviticus

Intro:

- I. More, Offering
- II. Costly
- III. Weigh, Carefully

Conclusion: