

Pastor's Bible Study - Romans 13:1-7

Governmental Godliness

*“Submission to government isn’t about trusting men in power;
it’s about trusting the God who gives them power.”*

The Source of Authority (vv.1–2)

- **Exousia** = delegated authority.

“Every earthly _____ sits under a _____ King.”

The Service of Authority (vv.3–4)

- **Diakonos** = God’s servant, even if flawed.

“Government may not always reflect God’s _____,
but it always fulfills God’s _____.”

The Spirit of Submission (vv.5–7)

- **Apodidōmi** = pay taxes as a debt
- **Leitourgos** = “public servants”—same root as priestly service

“We don’t just submit to _____ punishment we submit to
_____ God.”

*Our hope is not in Washington D.C. or Tallahassee; it’s in the
eternal Kingdom of Christ.*