

labeling. Since then, governments have passed laws to help protect the consumer by assuring the quality of products from food to perfume. They require standardized labeling and strict safety tests.

When I think about such laws as these, I am reminded that we should appreciate good government. Chaos would reign without it! Laws must be enforced to safeguard the health and well-being of the public.

In a day when government is often severely criticized, let us remember that "there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God" (Romans 13:1).

Thank God for the higher powers who are His ministers for our good (v.4). And ask Him to give wisdom to our leaders as they serve. —RWD

*Grant wisdom, Lord, and strength to all
Who serve our country's need;
Forgive our sins, and heal our land—
In Jesus' name we plead. —Land*

Those in power need the power of prayer.



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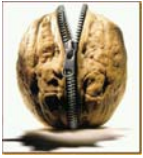
For The People

Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. —Romans 13:1

In many parts of the world, when you walk into a food store to pick up a pound of meat and a gallon of milk, you do so with the confidence that both items are free of contamination and that the label on the package is accurate.

That kind of product reliability was not developed overnight. One hundred years ago, you would have had no guarantee of either freshness or truth in





Romans: Truth in a Nutshell

(unzipped for you)

“This Government”

Romans 13:1-7 Paul gives 4 instructions for a Christian’s relationship with government:

1. Recognise that the government is _____ by _____, verse 1,

(1 Timothy 2:1-2) "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, {2} for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence."

(Proverbs 21:1) "The king's heart is in the hand of the LORD, Like the rivers of water; He turns it wherever He wishes."



2. _____ the laws, verses 1-7

The following verses make 3 comments about any choice to _____ our government:

- ◆ Disobeying the law is disobeying _____, verse 2
- ◆ Disobeying will have its _____, verses 2-4

(Genesis 6:5) "Then the LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every intent of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually."

(Genesis 9:6) "'Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man."

- ◆ Disobeying the law is against _____, verse 5

(Acts 5:29) "But Peter and the other apostles answered and said: "We ought to obey God rather

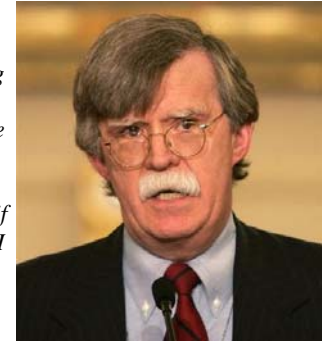


than men."

(Matthew 22:21) ".. "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's.""

3. Be grateful for the _____, verses 3-4

(Acts 25:8-12) ".. "Neither against the law of the Jews, nor against the temple, nor against Caesar have I offended in anything at all." {9} But Festus, wanting to do the Jews a favor, answered Paul and said, "Are you willing to go up to Jerusalem and there be judged before me concerning these things?" {10} So Paul said, "I stand at Caesar's judgment seat, where I ought to be judged. To the Jews I have done no wrong, as you very well know. {11} "For if I am an offender, or have committed anything deserving of death, I do not object to dying; but if there is nothing in these things of which these men accuse me, no one can deliver me to them. I appeal to Caesar." {12} Then Festus, when he had conferred with the council, answered, "You have appealed to Caesar? To Caesar you shall go!""



John Bolton

4. _____ those in authority, verse 7



(James 2:1-3) "My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality. {2} For if there should come into your assembly a man with gold rings, in fine apparel, and there should also come in a poor man in filthy clothes, {3} and you pay attention to the one wearing the fine clothes and say to him, "You sit here in a good place," and say to the poor man, "You stand there," or, "Sit here at my footstool,"{4} "have you not shown partiality among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts?"

