

# **A Gospel Worldview – Lesson 15**

## **Government and Submission**

### **Romans 13: 1-7**

Question: Do you believe that people are quick to find exceptions to difficult scriptures?  
What are some examples of people struggling with difficult scripture?

#### **A. Submit to Government – Romans 13:3-7**

1. Historical Viewpoints of Paul
  - Paul had a positive view and experience with the Roman Government
  - There was a growing discontent of Roman Government that led to a Tax Revolt and a rebellion from the Jewish Zealots
  - Emperor Claudius had forced Jews out of Rome a few years before this letter. The current emperor was Nero.
  
2. Submit to God by Submitting to Government
  - Obeying Government and Submitting to Government can overlap, but be different.
  - The Jewish teachings state that God appoints governments and authorities to rule. (Government is God's servant.)
  - God is using Government to punish those who do wrong.

#### **B. Finding the Exception**

1. Ultimate submission is to God. A person needs to submit to God first, when the Government goes against God's commandments.

Example: A relationship between a husband and wife.

What are some situations that you would be justified in going against Government?

I believe that Christians will disagree on when it is appropriate not follow government authorities.

2. Warning – Be careful not to be too quick to rebel and not follow Government authorities. God has appointed that Government to provide order in your world.

