

Romans

Submission to the Authorities ([Romans 13:1-7](#))

Read: Submission to the Authorities (13:1-7)

Explain: Submission to the Authorities (13:1-7)

What do the words mean?

1 Let every person be subject [*hypotasso*; present middle _____; subordinate, obey, be under obedience, put under, subdue under, make subject, put in subjection to, submit self to] **to the governing** [present active participle; to hold oneself above, excel, superior, superiority, better, excellency, higher, pass, supreme] **authorities** [authority, jurisdiction, liberty, power, right, strength]. **For there is** [present middle indicative] **no authority except from God, and those that exist** [present middle participle] **have been** [present middle indicative] **instituted** [*tasso*; perfect passive (Robertson) participle; to _____ in an orderly manner, to assign or dispose to a certain position, adduct, appoint, determine, ordain, set] **by God.** **2 Therefore whoever resists** [present middle participle; range oneself against, oppose, oppose themselves, resist] **the authorities resists** [perfect active indicative; resist, stand against, oppose, withstand] **what God has appointed** [arrangement, institution, instrumentality], **and those who resist** [perfect active participle; resist, stand against, oppose, withstand] **will incur** [future middle (Robertson) indicative] **judgment** [avenge, condemned, condemnation, damnation, go to law, judgment]. **3 For rulers** [first, chief, ruler, magistrate, prince] **are** [present middle indicative] **not a terror** [*phobos*; fear, alarm, fright, terror] **to good** [good, beneficial] **conduct** [works, toil, labor], **but to bad** [worthless, depraved, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked]. **Would** [present active indicative] **you have no fear** [present middle infinitive] **of the one who is in authority?** **Then do** [present active imperative] **what is good** [good, beneficial], **and you will receive** [present active indicative] **his approval** [laudation, commendable thing, praise], **4 for he is** [present middle indicative] **God's servant** [*diakonos*; to run errands, attendant, waiter, _____, deaconess, minister, servant] **for your good** [good, beneficial]. **But if you do** [present active subjunctive] **wrong** [worthless, depraved, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked], **be afraid** [*phobeo*; present middle imperative; to frighten, be alarmed, be in awe of, revere, be sore afraid, fear exceedingly, reverence], **for he does not bear** [present active indicative; to have a burden, to wear as clothing or a constant accompaniment, bear, wear] **the sword** [knife, dirk, war, judicial punishment, sword] **in vain** [idly, without reason, without effect, without a cause, in vain]. **For he is**

[present middle indicative] **the servant** [*diakonos*] **of God, an avenger** [carrying justice out, punisher, a revenger] **who carries out God's wrath** [desire, violent passion, abhorrence, punishment, anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath] **on the wrongdoer** [verb: present active participle; perform repeatedly, habitually, execute, accomplish, collect, fare, commit, deeds, do, exact, keep, require, use arts; adjective: worthless, depraved, bad, evil, harm, ill, noisome, wicked]. **5 Therefore one must be** [constraint, distress, must needs, of necessity, needful] **in subjection** [*hypotasso*], **not only** [merely, alone, but, only] **to avoid** [*dia*] **God's wrath** [desire, violent passion, abhorrence, punishment, anger, indignation, vengeance, wrath] **but also for the sake of** [*dia*] **conscience** [co-perception, moral consciousness, conscience]. **6 For because** [*dia*] **of this you also pay** [present active indicative] **taxes** [load, tax, tribute], **for the authorities are** [present middle indicative] **ministers** [*leitourgos*; public servant, functionary in the Temple or Gospel, worshipper of God or benefactor of man, minister] **of God, attending** [present active participle; earnest towards, persevere, be constantly diligent, attend assiduously all the exercises, adhere closely to, attend continually, continue, wait on continually] **to this very thing.** **7 Pay** [second aorist active imperative; completes, executes, concludes, discharges, accomplishes, makes an end, expires, fills up, finishes, goes over, pays, performs] **to all what is owed** [indebtedness, a sum owed, obligation, duty, debt, due] **to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue** [limit, conclusion, result, impost, levy, custom, ending, finally, uttermost] **to whom revenue is owed, respect** [*phobos*] **to whom respect** [*phobos*] **is owed, honor** [value, money paid, valuables, esteem dignity, honor, preciousness, price] **to whom honor is owed.**

Are there any repeated words?

Apply (What is the point?)

1. Christians are subjects
2. Christians doing good have nothing to fear
3. Christians should pay what Christians owe

Personalize (What do we do with that?)

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Next week: Fulfilling the Law Through Love (13:8-14)

Homework: Ask, Read, Talk, Send