LIVING UP in a DOWN WORLD

The Christian and Politics!
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- Personal Priorities
- Witness To Others
- Cultural Impact
What Should Be
What Is

Kingdom Work
Church
Family
God
Other (SPORTS)
1 Cor 9:24-27

Other
Church
Family
Work
What Is

Other
(Rec, Sports, Celebration)
Jeremiah Gives Us The “Big Picture”
Jeremiah 29:4-19
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• Live Where God Places You
• Seek the Peace and Prosperity of your city
• Pray for Your City
Jesus Shows Us The Attitude We Are To Cultivate
Matthew 22:15-21
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“give to Caesar what belongs to Caesar”
~taxes
~honor and respect
Paul Tells Us How and Why We are To Live Out That Attitude
Romans 13:1-7 Page 804

Why we have that attitude
How we “live out” our attitude: Government
How we “live out” our attitude: God
1 Timothy 2:1-2 Page 839
Peter Takes This Concept To A New And Higher Level!

1 Peter 2:11-17 Page 858

As “aliens and strangers”

• Be a testimony to the world
• Be a witness to the government
• Be a faithful servant to God
Understand The **ONE** Time It Is Acceptable To Be Disobedient To Government

*When authority EXPLICITLY DEMANDS that which God EXPLICITLY PROHIBITS*
3 Biblical Examples

- **Peter/John:** Acts 4:1-18
  “Do not teach in the name of Jesus”

- **Daniel:** Daniel 6:10
  “Do not pray”

- **SMA:** Daniel 3:15
  “Worship the golden idol”
How Do We Live “Up” In A “Down” World?

• Honor the Government
• Speak Well of the Government
• Be a Model Citizen
• Be a Clear Testimony
• Seek the Peace and prosperity