

BIBLICAL INSTRUCTIONS

Matt. 22:15-22; Luke 3:10-14; Rom. 13:1-7; I Pet. 2:13-17

- I. Roman government in the _____
 - A. In Jesus' day, _____ to religious practices in the provinces
 - B. After Tiberius Caesar, _____ to Christianity
- II. _____ religious government in the New Testament
 - A. The _____
 1. Controlled by _____ in Jesus' day
 2. Controlled by _____ from last half of 1st century

HOW SHOULD I THINK ABOUT MY GOVERNMENT?

- I. Jesus _____ Matt. 22:15-22
 - A. A committee seeking _____
 1. _____-paid no taxes to Rome
 2. _____-paid no taxes to the Temple
 - B. The issue of _____
- II. _____ instructs his followers Luke 3:-10-14
 - A. Share your _____
 - B. Collect taxes _____
 - C. Soldiers, work _____ and accept your wages gladly
- III. Paul speaks to the _____ Romans 13:1-7
 - A. _____ the government
 1. Government officials are _____ by God
 2. Refusing to obey government = refusing to obey _____

3. Disobedient will be _____
4. Law abiding citizens need not _____ the governors
5. God has put government in your lives to _____
6. Two _____ to obey the government
 - a. Avoid _____
 - b. Maintain a clear _____

B. Pay your _____

1. Government employees must be _____
2. Pay your taxes because it is _____
3. Always have an attitude of _____

III. _____ adds his instructions I Pet. 2:13-17

A. _____ with Paul about authority

1. _____ authority; the king and all his appointees
2. Wrongdoers will be _____
3. Law abiders will be _____

B. A greater _____ for obedience

1. To _____ the critics
2. Freedom is not an excuse to _____ the law
3. Show _____ for the king

IV. Reflections on the text

- A. The _____ human government will fall short of what God desires it to be.
- B. The _____ human government can be no worse than the Roman government under Nero and those who followed him.
- C. Religion based governments have never _____.
- D. The biblical message is: _____ to authority.
- E. No _____
- E. What about _____?
- F. Biblical theology _____ political theory.