

Our Government?

(Federal, state, local, etc.)

Evil
with which to contend?

Servant of God
to obey?

What does God say?

• (Romans 13:1-7 NASB95) **Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities.** For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

2 Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves. 3 For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; 4 for it [governing authorities] is **a minister (διάκονός) of God to you for good.** But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it [governing authorities] is **a minister (διάκονός) of God,** an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

5 Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for conscience' sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, **for rulers are servants (λειτουργοί) of God,** devoting themselves to this very thing. 7 Render to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honor to whom honor.

What does God say?

Servant/Minister

• **διάκονός** –
servant, minister,
deacon, helper;
διακονέω -
serve, support,
aid, help, assist.

• **λειτουργοί** –
servant, minister.
–This word was used
frequently in the LXX
[Septuagint] to refer
to people who served
in the temple, and in
the NT it always
refers to those who
are “ministering” for
the sake of the Lord.



Governing Authorities

- The Servants of God!



God's will!

God's word!