



Family preparation for congregational worship on February 18, 2018

Our Scripture-Romans 13:1-7 (ESV): Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. 3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, 4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer. 5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. 7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.

Discuss:

1. How is a Christian to respond to the laws and leadership of government (vv.1-7)?
2. Why are government officials in power (v.4)?
3. What is our motivation to submit to the government (v.5)?

Prayer: Praise the Lord that we will have wonderful resurrected bodies. Praise the Lord that He is trust worthy. Ask God to search your heart and cleanse you from any sin the Holy Spirit brings to mind. Pray for the needs of your family. Pray for our President, national and state leaders. Pray for our church as we minister here in Eau Claire and that the Lord would give us three new families this year. Pray for Daniel and Heather Boyd as they bring the gospel to the Dutch people. Ask the Lord who He would have you invite to church this coming Sunday.

Memorize: (February) *All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all. Isaiah 53:6 (ESV)*

Music: As you meditate and prepare your heart for worship this Sunday, sing this song to the Lord;

When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word, what a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still, and with all who will trust and obey.

Trust and obey, for there's no other way to be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.

Not a burden we bear, not a sorrow we share, but our toil He doth richly repay;
Not a grief nor a loss, not a frown nor a cross but is blest if we trust and obey.

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