



# God & GOVERNMENT

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- ▶ **Government is instituted** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We live in voluntary \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Do \_\_\_\_\_, no fright.
  - Government bears the sword for protection of people, property, and society.
  
- ▶ **Government is** \_\_\_\_\_.
  - We submit from the head and the \_\_\_\_\_ to avoid punishment.
  - We do \_\_\_\_\_: Greek for “give back” taxes, tolls, \_\_\_\_\_, and honor.
  
- ▶ **When is** \_\_\_\_\_ **called for?**
  - \_\_\_\_\_ and with great wisdom — only as the last resort
  - When obeying the \_\_\_\_\_ contradicts obeying \_\_\_\_\_
  - An example: The American Revolution:
    - \_\_\_\_\_ (*Romans 13:1-2*) and \_\_\_\_\_ (*Romans 13:6-7*)

## ACTION POINTS

1. **Pray for our hearts.** *Psalm 66:18-19*
2. **Pray for our leaders.** *1 Timothy 2:1-7*
3. **Shine with Jesus’ love, not man’s anger.** *James 1:20*
4. **Vote and participate.** *Psalm 33:12*
5. **Remember, our citizenship is in heaven.** *Philippians 3:20*

## MORE FROM PASTOR GREGG

Pastor Gregg addresses related topics in an article called “The 5 P’s of Stewarding Your Vote” and a letter to the church titled “The Pastor and Politicians.” Find both at [HoustonFirst.org/VOTE](https://HoustonFirst.org/VOTE) or scan this code.



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