

## ***“The Struggle of Politics”***

### *Clash #3 Kingdoms in Conflict*

Matthew 22:21; Romans 13:1-2, 4; Psalm 33:12; John 18:36;  
Matthew 5:13-16; Philippians 3:20

## ***The Challenge We Face***

*“We live in two kingdoms, a spiritual kingdom and a physical kingdom. They are at odds with each other, and are constantly in conflict.”*

## ***Our Relationship with Government***

I < The Church's Role > I  
In Politics

*Separatist*

*Activist*

*No Involvement*

*High Involvement*

*Culture Shock, Chip Ingram, Baker Books 2014 pg.199*

## ***What is Our Responsibility in Politics?***

### ***1. Affirm the Purpose of Good Government.***

**Romans 13:1-2, 4** “Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. **The authorities that exist have been established by God.** Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. **Rulers are God's servants to do you good.**”

**1 Peter 2:13-15** “Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.”

***“Government is ordained by God to restrain evil”***

### ***2. Accept the Position We Hold as Citizens.***

**Matthew 22:21**<sup>(NIV)</sup> “Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's.”

***How do we “give to Caesar” in our lives today?***

*Pray Honor Serve Pay Taxes Vote Obey Laws*

### ***How About Civil Disobedience?***

**Acts 5:27-28a, 29** “Having brought the apostles, they made them appear before the Sanhedrin to be questioned by the high priest. **We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name.** Peter and the other apostles replied, **‘we must obey God rather than men!’** Daniel 1,2 & 3; Acts 21:37-40; 26:32;

*“One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws.” - Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

### ***3. Avoid the Pursuit of an Earthly Kingdom.***

**John 18:36** “Jesus said, **‘My kingdom is not of this world.** If it were, my servants would fight to prevent my arrest by the Jews. **But now, my kingdom is from another place.’**”

Matthew 5:13-16; 6:10, 33; Revelation 21:1-4; 5:9-10

**Philippians 3:20** “**Our citizenship is in heaven.** And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.”