



Message Outline
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What does being a faithful Christian and a good citizen look like?

The One who holds all authority over the universe is: _____

Psalm 103:19 - The Lord has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

God instituted three spheres of authority on the earth, each with its own unique purpose:

1. The _____ - Forms us.

Ephesians 6:1 - Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right.

2. The _____ - Transforms us.

Hebrews 13:17 - Have confidence in your leaders and submit to their authority, because they keep watch over you as those who must give an account.

3. The _____ - Protects us.

Philippians 3:20 - But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

** A Christ follower's most significant citizenship is in heaven, but they must simultaneously maintain and manage a secondary citizenship with a nation on earth.*

What being a good citizen is not:

1. Undiscerning political _____.

** Gratitude for one's nation and even sacrificial service to it, which Scripture commends, is different from treating the nation as sacred or beyond critique.*

2. Withdrawal or lack of _____.

3. Viewing the political process as the _____ battlefield.

Biblical teaching is clear:

*** Government exists by God's _____.**

Romans 13:1 - Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.

*** Government's specific purpose is to promote good and _____.**

Romans 13:4 - For the one in authority is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for rulers do not bear the sword for no reason. They are God's servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

What being a good citizen is:

*** The default posture is _____.**

Titus 3:1 - Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, ready to do whatever is good.

*** Submission has its _____** - *When government commands what God forbids or forbids what God commands.*

*** _____ and honoring civic obligations.**

Romans 13:6 - This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing.

*** A proactive responsibility to _____.**

1 Timothy 2:1-2 - I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

*** We need to celebrate and be thankful for what we have and not _____.**