## **Respecting Authority**

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The wicked flee when no one is pursuing, But the righteous are<br/>bold as a lion.Proverbs 28:1 (NASB)

## 1. Pray for those in <u>AUTHORITY!</u>

*First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men, <sup>2</sup> for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity. <sup>3</sup> This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, <sup>4</sup> who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.* 1Timothy 2:1-4 (NASB)

- Pray for wisdom
- Pray for protection
- Pray that their integrity

## 2. Submit to AUTHORITY.

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.<sup>2</sup> Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves. <sup>3</sup> For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you. <sup>4</sup> For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer. <sup>5</sup> Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience. Romans 13:1-5 (NIV) But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather<br/>than men.Acts 5:29 (NASB)

Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed, Titus 3:1 (NASB)

Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether to a king as the one in authority, 1 Peter 2:13 (NASB)

"This sentence is by the decree of the angelic watchers And the decision is a command of the holy ones, In order that the living may know That the Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind, And bestows it on whom He wishes And sets over it the lowliest of men." Daniel 4:17 (NASB)

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