

WHAT EVERY CHRISTIAN SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THEIR GOVERNMENT



Romans 13:1-7

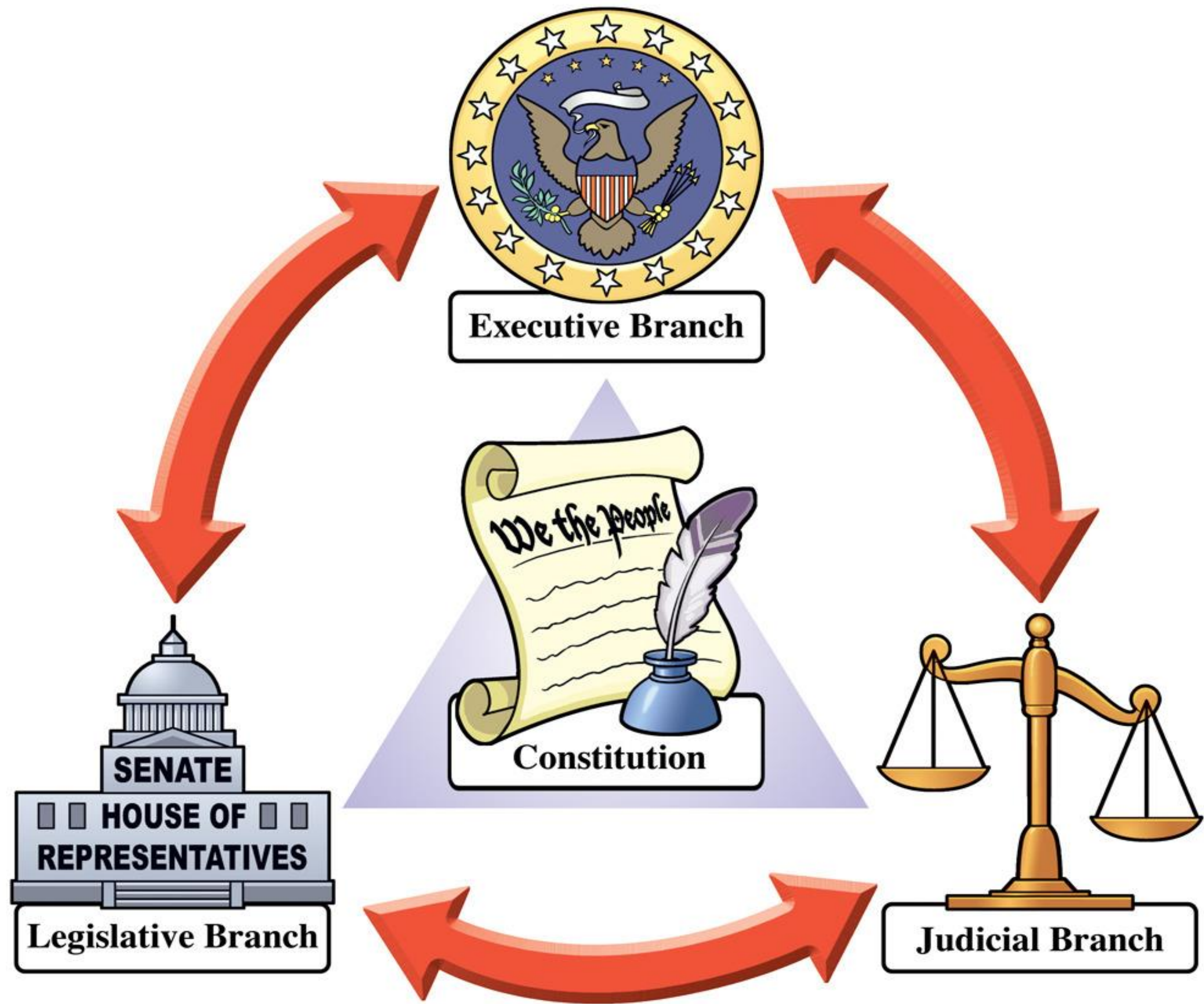
And other selected Scriptures

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**“Know Your Responsibilities
to the Government” Part 2**

Romans 13:1; 6-7



**“Governing
officials do not
have
jurisdiction
over the
worship,
doctrine, or
polity of the
church.**



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**The truth is not
only biblical, it is
recognized by
the First
Amendment of
the Constitution
of the United
States.**

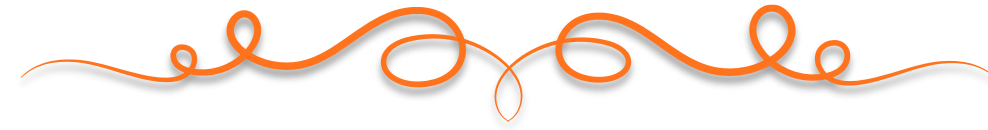


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When government oversteps its God-ordained sphere of authority and places unbiblical restrictions on the church, believers will not be able to comply.”

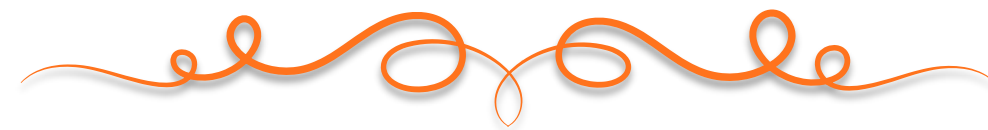


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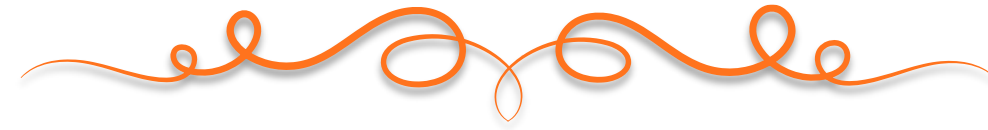
4 Responsibilities We Have

- 1. Submit**
- 2. Pay Your Taxes**
- 3. Respect**
- 4. Honor**



KEY POINT:

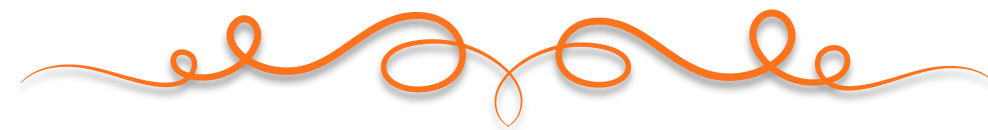
We acknowledge God
by acknowledging
the government
God has instituted.



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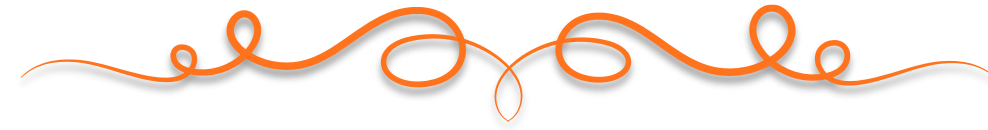




²¹ They said, "Caesar's."

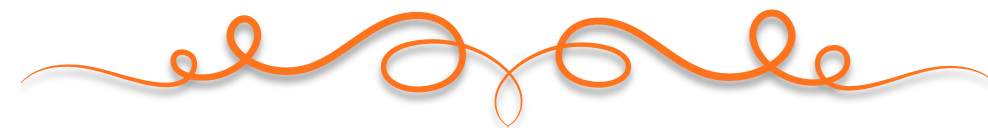
Then he said to them,
"Therefore render to Caesar the
things that are Caesar's, and to
God the things that are God's."

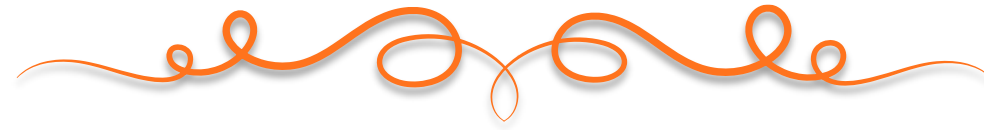
Matthew 22:21



Taxes in The Bible

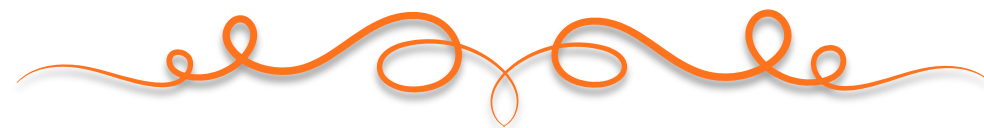
1. Under Joseph in Egypt (Gen 41:36–49; 47:26)
2. Under the Mosaic law (Exod 30:14; Lev 19:10)
– about 24%
3. Tithes, viewed as taxes
(Lev 27:30; Num 18:21–24; Deut 14:29)
4. Under Nehemiah by the Persians (Neh 5:4–5)



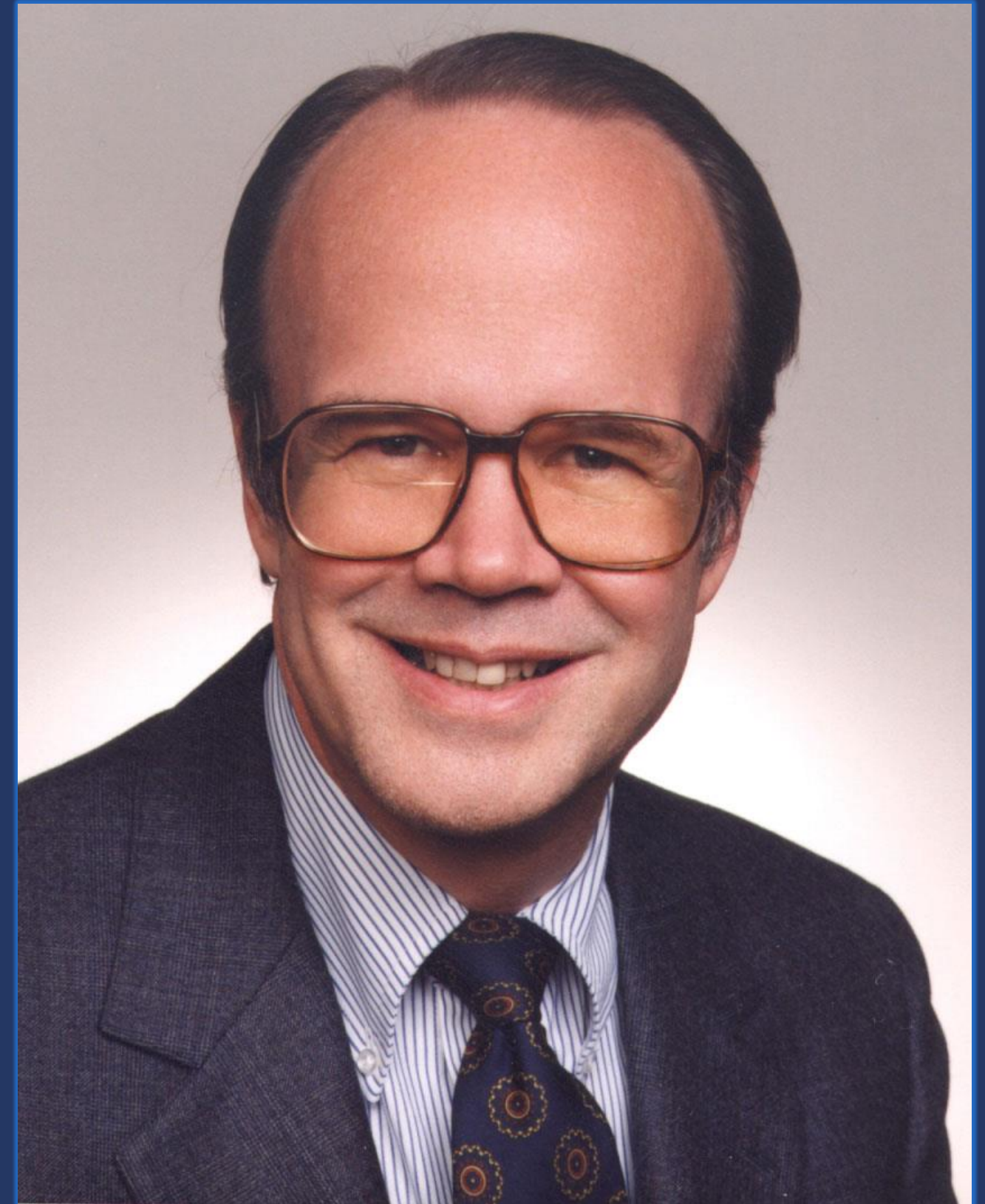


Taxes in The Bible

5. By Rehoboam (I Kings 12:4–14)
6. Under Jehoiakim (II Kings 23:35)
7. Poll/census tax (Luke 2:1–4; Acts 5:37)
8. Temple tax (Matt 17:24–25)
9. Tribute tax (Matt 22:15–22| Mark 12:13–17)



**“We may complain
about taxes, but
without them
government could not
function, civilization
would be impossible,
and our lives and
property would be in
jeopardy every
moment of every day.”**



James M. Boice
7 July 1938 – 15 June 2000

**“Everywhere we
Christians, more
readily than all men,
endeavor to pay to
those appointed by
you the taxes both
ordinary and
extraordinary, as we
have been taught by
Jesus...**

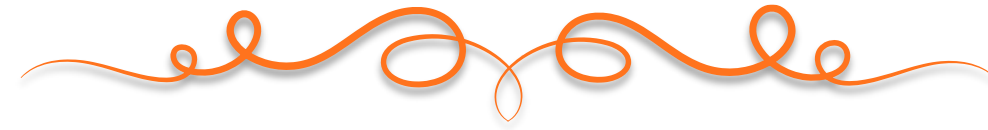


**Justin Martyr
100 AD– 165 AD**

**Whence to God alone
we render worship, but
in other things we
gladly serve you
acknowledging you as
kings and rulers of
men, and praying that
with your kingly power
you be found to
possess also
sound judgement.”**

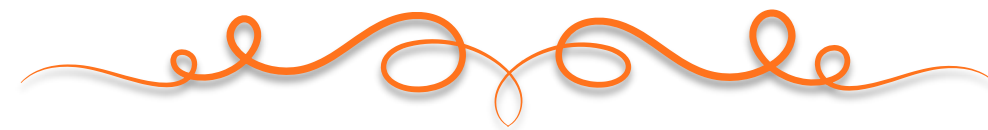


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²¹ My son,
fear the Lord and the king,
and do not join with those
who do otherwise,

Proverbs 24:21



²⁰ Even in your thoughts,
do not curse the king,
nor in your bedroom curse the rich,
for a bird of the air will carry your voice,
or some winged creature
tell the matter.

Ecclesiastes 10:20



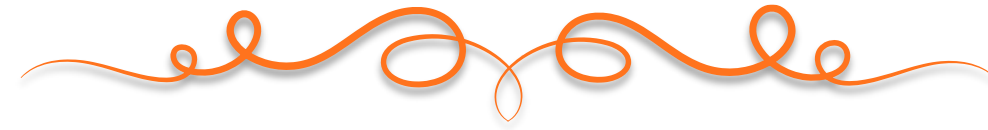
¹⁵ Rather,
speaking the truth in love,
we are to grow up in every way
into Him who is the head,
into Christ,

Ephesians 4:15



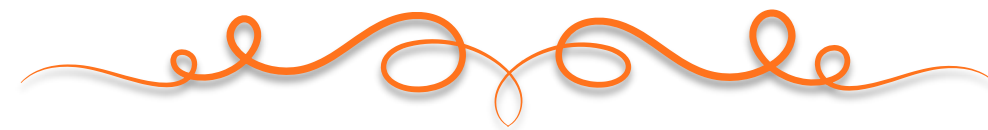
**27 So God created man
in His own image,
in the image of God
He created him;
male and female He created them.**

Genesis 1:27



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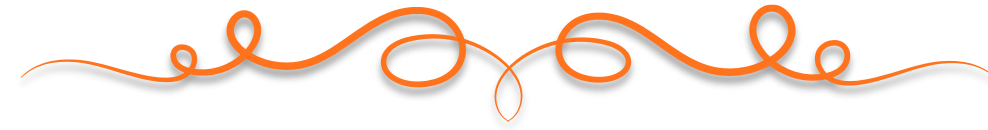
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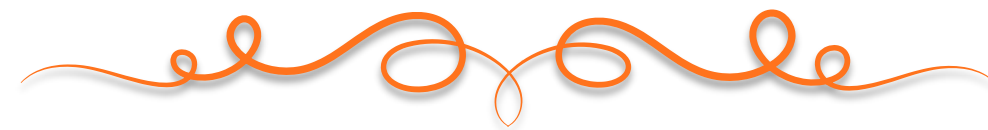
³ The husband should give
to his wife her conjugal rights,
and likewise
the wife to her husband.

I Corinthians 7:3



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**“Without ceasing,
for all our
emperors we offer
prayer. We pray for
life prolonged; for
security to the
empire: for
protection to the
imperial house;**

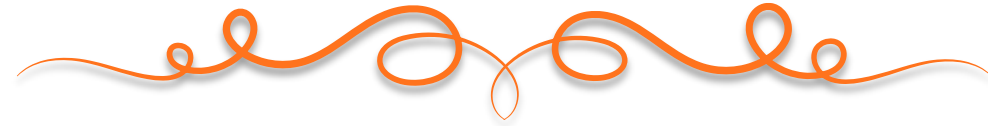


**Tertullian
155 AD– 220 AD**

**for brave armies, a
faithful senate, a
virtuous people,
the world at rest,
whatever, as man
or Caesar, an
emperor would
wish.”**



**Tertullian
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How Can We Pray for our Government?

1. For salvation (1 Tim 2:1-4)
2. For moral judgments and wisdom (Prov 29:7)
3. For Christian leaders (Dan 1:8)
4. For acknowledgment of God's sovereignty (Isa 40:7-17)

