



Living With Dual Citizenship

"But our citizenship is in heaven and we eagerly await a savior from there, the Lord Jesus."
Philippians 3:20

What We Need To Understand About Living In Two Kingdoms

1. I am a citizen of two worlds.

"Consequently you are no longer foreigners and aliens but fellow citizens with God's people and members of God's household." Ephesians 2:19

"And they came to Jesus and said, 'Is it not right for us to pay taxes to Caesar or not?' He saw through their duplicity and said to them, 'Show me a denarius. Whose portrait and inscription are on it?' 'Caesar's' they replied. He said to them, 'Then give to Caesar what's Caesar's and to God what's God.'"
Luke 20:22

"Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness."

Matthew 6:33

2. My _____ is to God.

...they commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. But Peter and John replied, 'Judge for yourself whether it's right in God's sight to obey you rather than God.'
Acts 4:18,19

Peter and the other apostles replied we must obey God rather than men."
Acts 5:27

3. I am to obey the law _____.

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

Four times in Scripture God tells you why you are to obey the law.

- **God has established _____.**

"Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities for there is no authority but that which God has established." Romans 13:1

- **I'm to obey the law for _____.**

"Rulers hold no terror for those who do right but those who do wrong." Romans 13:3

- **To maintain a _____.**

"Therefore it is necessary to submit to authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience." Romans 13:5

- **To maintain a _____.**

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." 1 Peter 2:13 "

Daniel's Story from Babylon Captivity

- Challenges diet prescribed
- Friends endure furnace
- Foretells of Babylon's fall
- Chooses prayer over safety

Daniel models submission to governing authorities yet is willing to face the consequences when he won't compromise God's values.

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4. I am to pray for _____.

Paul says, "I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions and thanksgiving be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority." 1 Timothy 2:1-3

5. I am to pay taxes required _____.

"This is also why you pay taxes. For the authorities are God's servants who give their full time to governing. Give everyone what you owe him. If you own taxes, pay taxes. If revenue, then revenue. If respect, respect. If honor, then honor." Romans 13:6

6. I am to influence my government _____.

"You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again. It's not longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled by men. You are the light of the world. A city set on the hill cannot be hid. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. They put it on a stand and it gives light to everyone in the room. The same way, let your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your father in heaven." Matthew 5:13