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**What shapes how I relate  
to the governing  
authorities?**

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# The Christian & the Gov't

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## THEOLOGICAL REASONS

1. *Government has been appointed by God*

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Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.

**-Romans 13:1**

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Daniel answered and said:

“Blessed be the name of God forever and ever,  
to whom belong wisdom and might.  
He changes times and seasons;  
he removes kings and sets up kings;

**-Daniel 2:20-21a**

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## THEOLOGICAL REASONS

1. *Government has been appointed by God*

2. *To resist governing authorities is to resist God*

Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.

**-Romans 13:2**

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## **Civil Disobedience:**

The Christian duty in cases where the governing authorities command what God forbids, or forbid what God commands.

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## PRACTICAL REASONS

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...and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval.

**-Romans 13:2b-3**

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**-Romans 13:4a**

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3. *Government has been appointed to execute justice*

But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.

**-Romans 13:4b**

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Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.

**-Romans 13:5**

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