

Series: Changed Inside Out (Romans 12-14)

Sermon: Bad Governments, Incompetent Leaders, and Me.

Bible Verses: Romans 12:20-13:8

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How do I deal with people \_\_\_\_\_? What about when the authorities are \_\_\_\_\_?

Directly after talking about "overcoming evil with good" Paul teaches about \_\_\_\_\_ governments & \_\_\_\_\_. That's probably not an accident.

We're called to \_\_\_\_\_ in authority, and desire peace and \_\_\_\_\_ lives with godliness and holiness!

**We don't \_\_\_\_\_ with a bullhorn.  
We \_\_\_\_\_ with holiness and \_\_\_\_\_.**

Authority is not an \_\_\_\_\_ construct made up by people in power. God \_\_\_\_\_ authority, and it's how this universe works.

Rebelling against authority is rebelling against what \_\_\_\_\_.

When Paul wrote these instructions, from God, there was immense \_\_\_\_\_ of Christians and NO ILLUSION about how \_\_\_\_\_ people in authority can be. He knew what he was commanding.

I owe leaders (because God placed them) honor and a debt of \_\_\_\_\_ towards them.

The writer of Scripture **CONNECTS** God wanting all people to be saved with **PRAYING FOR LEADERS** and **LIVING** \_\_\_\_\_.

### Practical Application:

I should not only obey, but \_\_\_\_\_ and show love to the authorities in my life. Who are they:

I should be \_\_\_\_\_ for my leaders, and those in authority.

If I want to \_\_\_\_\_, I should decide who or what and then do that with my holy living, and \_\_\_\_\_. I don't primarily influence with bullhorns and legislation.

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- Who is an authority that I naturally have problems with? How can I honor them, even if I disagree?