

Authority: Belonging to God

Lesson 6, Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6–8; 1 Peter 2:13–17, KJV

Obey the Government?

Evaluate each of the following situations and write down the appropriate response for a Christian. Include a principle from today's Scripture text in your rationale.

1. A father of three who struggles to make ends meet does not report income from part-time work on his annual tax return. _____

2. You criticize an elected official on social media because of their ungodly behavior. The official considers your post hate speech, and the official's lawyers take you to court. _____

3. You distribute flyers in your neighborhood, inviting children to vacation Bible school. The homeowner's association removes them and instructs you not to distribute church-related material again.

4. The local school board forbids public Bible reading in the school building. _____

5. The president of your corporation forbids employees from keeping a Bible on display in their offices. They claim it distracts workers and impedes productivity. _____

What is a Believer to Do?

Using Mark 12:17; Romans 13:1, 6–8; and 1 Peter 2:13–17, fill out the chart below. Then answer the question.

Believers are called to:	Because:

What is the common theme woven throughout all three texts?