

# *“The Responsibility of Government”*

*Amazed by Grace* • part 53

## INTRODUCTION

- called to submit to government

- why I must submit to government...

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1 Pet. 2:13-15

## *1. Means to promote good/punish evil: the sword* (13:4)

- meaning of “sword” in context

Rom. 8:35; Acts 12:2; Rev. 13:10

- *application*: capital punishment

+ purpose

Gen. 9:6; Rom. 12:19

+ safe guards

- balanced and just

Lev. 24:17-22

- based on 2 eye-witnesses

Deut. 17:6-7; 19:15-19



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- *application*: war

+ views of Christians engaged in war

- pacifists

Ex. 20:13; Mt. 5:39

- “blank check” to government

- “just war”

## *2. Means to promote good/punish evil: taxes* (13:6)

- financially supporting Levites...civil magistrates

Num. 18:24-26

- no prescription...but a principle

- bound by *conscience*

Rom. 2:15

## APPLICATION

- honor those who serve

Give everyone his legitimate due, whether it be rates, or taxes,  
or reverence, or respect!

– JB Phillips, Rom. 13:7

- pray for those who serve

1 Tim. 2:1-3