

Becoming Good Citizens

It's Trending Series #5

Romans 13:1-7

1 Peter 2:11-17



Be An _____ For Christ

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- This _____ is Not Our _____
- Our _____ Should _____ People To Jesus

_____ the _____

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- Obey The _____ As If _____ God

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- God Gives _____ Their _____

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- _____ Citizens Have No _____ To Fear
 - “15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men—16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God. 17 Honor all people. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.” (1 Pet. 2:15-17)
- _____ and _____ All People
- Is It Ever _____ to _____ The Law?
- _____ Disobey _____ Law

Get _____

“5 Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing.” (Rom. 13:5-6)

- What Does Your _____ Say to Do?
 - “7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” (Rom. 13:7)
- What Should a Good Citizen in a _____ Do?
 - Stay _____ On Issues
 - _____ Meetings
 - _____ Your Views
 - _____ Your Conscience

What Will You Do?

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- Respect and Love All People
- Is It Ever OK to Break The Law?
- Never Disobey God’s Law

Get Involved

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- What Does Your Conscience Say to Do?

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- What Should a Good Citizen in a Democracy Do?
 - Stay Informed On Issues
 - Attend Meetings
 - Express Your Views
 - Vote Your Conscience

What Will You Do?