

Wednesday in the Word

Digging Deeper

July 7, 2021

Romans 13:1-7

1 Peter 2:13-17

Christian Citizens

This week we will discover our role in society as well as the role of government. Read and discuss the above passages as a group. A precise reading may bring with it some concerns. To most of us these passages seemed so sensible up till recently. A good government when running efficiently must provide for the peace, safety and protection of its people. It must be a rewarder of obedient citizens and a punisher of the rebellious. The controlling system of our beloved United States of America while needing adjustment and growth seemed to be improving and heading the right way for most of her history. The injustices of the few came under the self correcting principles of the Nation's original founding documents. Not quick enough or far enough for many. Understood. Many evils were overlooked or marginalized. Understood. But the good people of this country always pursued justice and rallied to right the wrongs. Christians faithfully stood for equality and benevolence. The government, sometimes grudgingly, made changes toward justice. In some time gone by, things began to change for the worse. Especially recently. It would seem now that the very system of rule meant to serve and protect has been rapidly turning against the very most obedient of the citizenry. As we speak, new laws are being crafted to protect sin and evil. Government defends rioting, public rebellion and immorality. The Word of God, which clearly defines improper and ungodly behavior, is itself being shoved aside and those very evils are being supported, encouraged, praised and worst of all, enforced among God's people. A review of our scripture today reveals that the government supposedly set up by God to provide for the common welfare has turned from its duty to God. How then, as our passage instructs us are we to be obedient to this corrupt system? When their role shifts, does ours? Yes. Read and discuss these following passages and see how they apply to this conversation. When government fails; Proverbs 29:2, Our role; Acts 5:27-29, Acts 4:17-20, Matthew 22:17-21, Galatians 5:1, 1 John 4:1-3, 1 John 3:4, Romans 7:7, Ephesians 5:11-12, Psalm 94:16, Acts 16:33-39, Daniel 6:5-10, Daniel 3:16-18, 1 Timothy 2:1-2. Who's really in charge? Daniel 4:15-17, 32-34, Isaiah 9:6, Proverbs 21:1, The reality of our battle; 2 Corinthians 4:1-5, Philippians 3:18-21, Our conclusion; Psalm 9:6-10, 31:13-19, 112:5-8, The end of the matter; Hebrews 13:8, Revelation 5:11-14. Rise up and remain faithful.