

## Should a Christian get involved in Government?

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Please read Romans 13:1-5

In Romans 13:1-5 we are told that human governments were instituted by God. Whether these governments know it or not they are ordained by God as agents of God and are still under his scrutiny. No human government is or ever will be perfect, but offer a mere reflection of the goodness of God (as much as that government might choose to do so). It seems that our government, in ever increasing increments, is falling away from its God-ordained purpose -- to do good.

In reading Romans 13:1-5 please notice that the stewardship entrusted to human government is not morally neutral. Various combinations of "right," "wrong" and "goodness" are mentioned many times culminating with an appeal to "conscience" in verse five. The question before us is this: who will inform the conscience of government? If we don't -- who will? We are now living the answer to that very question.

We are not as organized, mobilized or energized (nor are we as sophisticated) as the opposing forces who are assaulting the Judeo-Christian ethic of this nation. There is no neutral ground. Fortunately, we still live in a representative government. While it seems we are greatly under-represented, we can at least make our voices heard.

After you check out the Romans 13 passage, check out Matthew 5:13-16. Jesus had the audacity to say that believers are the salt and the light of the world. I guess we had better get busy proving him right.

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