

**Exhortation Outline**  
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**The Civil Magistrate Is a Minister of God**  
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**Sermon Text:** Romans 12:1-2 and 13:1-7

**Old Testament Reference:** 2 Samuel 23:1-4

The definition of Civil Magistrate includes all levels of government from local to national, and includes anyone who works in the civil government.

- 1) The Bible describes the origin of the Civil Magistrate – Romans 13:1
- 2) The Civil Magistrate is inherently religious
- 3) The Civil Magistrate is separate and distinct from family
- 4) The Old Testament laws are still in effect today, and Israel is an example for us today

**I. Civil Magistrate is a minister of God**

Passages cited: Romans 13:4-6; 2 Samuel 8:15-18; 1 Chronicles 18:17, 29:22-23, Psalm 82

2 Chronicles 34:31

- Covenant with God of the Bible
- Covenant with the People
- Acting within the bounds of God given authority
- Only do what he is been assigned to do

Four ways the Civil Magistrate can be delinquent

- 1) Add or subtract from judicial laws
- 2) Punish sins instead of crimes
- 3) Increase or decrease penal sanctions for crimes
- 4) Try to improve people morally

When Civil Magistrate fails to be a minister of God:

- The Civil Magistrate becomes a minister of Satan
- Having fairness, equity and order as a civil society becomes impossible

## **II. Biblical Qualifications for the Civil Magistrate**

Deuteronomy 17:14-20

- Vs 15 – Must be a faithful citizen of the people
- Vs 16 – Lack greed
- Vs 17 – Not to acquire many wives (refers to not entering into ungodly alliances)
- Vs 18 – Committed to God's Word, to the law and order of the Bible

Passages cited: Exodus 19; 1 Samuel 8:7

Exodus 18:21 – Men of courage, fearing God, trustworthy and hate a bribe