GOD, THE GOVERNMENT, AND ME
Series: Transforming Truths
Romans 13:1-7
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I. THE NATURE OF GOVERNMENT

1. **Civil government is a part of God's _____ for the world.** (vs. 1-2)
   The **3 Institutes** God Established
   * **The family** (Genesis 2:18-25)
   * **The church** (Acts 2)
   * **The government** (Rom. 13:1-7)
2. **Government leaders are _____ of God** (vs. 3-4)
   Psalm 72:1-4, 12-14
3. **Civil government is only _____.**
   Daniel 10:44, 1 Cor. 15:24, Phil. 2:10-11

II. THE PURPOSES OF GOVERNMENT

1. Is **to protect _____**
   Gen. 9:6, Deut. 17:2-7, 19:11-13, Exodus 20:13
2. **is to protect _____ and _____ rights**
   Exodus 20:14-17
3. **is to handle _____ between people**
   Deuteronomy 1:12-17
4. **is to punish _____.**
   Rom. 13:4 "the sword" 1 Pet 2:13-15

III. OUR RESPONSIBILITY AND RELATIONSHIP TO THE GOVERNMENT

MY RELATIONSHIP AS A CHRISTIAN TO GOVERNMENT

1. **I am a citizen of _____.**
   Phil. 3:20, Eph. 2:19, Luke 20:22-25
2. **My primary obedience is to _____**
   Acts 4:13-20, 5:27-29, Matt 6:33
3. **I am to obey the law whenever _____.**
   Titus 3:1 4 REASONS
   * **God has established authority.** (Rom. 13:1)
   * **I'm to obey the law for my own good.** (Rom. 13:3-4)
   * **is to maintain a clear conscious**. (Rom. 13:5)
   * **is to maintain a good testimony**. (1 Pet. 2:13-15)
4. Is **to _____ for public officials.**
   1 Tim. 2:1-3
5. **I am to _____ my government for good.**
   Matt. 5:13-1