

## **How Should Christians Handle Authority?**

I am in the process of reading Peter Schweizer's new book "Red Handed".

I can't tell you how frustrated the political class of people in our country make me. Sick to my stomach is the summation.

I hear of those who really want to succeed from the United States, and though I agree with their concerns, I don't feel that is our answer.

Romans 13 is rather specific regarding our response. It tells us: "Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities, For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.

Vs 2 " Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinances of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves, for rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be afraid of the authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good; for he does not bear the sword in vain for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil.

Therefore you must be subject not only because of wrath but also for conscience sake."

Our responsibility beloved is to Pray. Our weapons are not carnal. They are spiritual and when we decide to pray all heaven gets involved.

I know it sounds too simple, but what say we give it a try.

***This response comes from one of the students in the Zoom bible study - Brenda Lambert - who lives in Louisiana - Brenda Lambert***

Brenda writes:

I have thought much about this message and I admit I feel like Peter must have felt in the garden when the powers that were came to arrest the Lord. He drew a sword and cut off the slave's ear. The Lord had him put the sword away and restored the ear. How remarkable. The Lord knew He had a cup to drink which the Father had given Him. He had the power to stop what was happening but submitted Himself to the Father. When I feel like I want to rise up and fight because of the corruption and injustice I see and experience personally. I pray that the Lord gives me the strength to go through what I must. And I encourage myself in the Lord remembering He has never failed me to this day.

***Thanks Brenda, this is right on track and a great comment.***

***Tom***