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Spiritual Person (Christ-Directed Life)

Jesus is in the life and on the throne. Self is yielding to Jesus.
The person sees Jesus' influence and direction in their life.



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I. Respecting Authority vs. 1-7

A. ALL AUTHORITY IS ORDAINED BY GOD V.1

Romans 13:1 (NIV) ¹ Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.



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Weirsbe: *God has established three institutions (home, church, government) ordained means originated from God. His idea.*



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John 19:10-11 (NIV) ¹⁰ "Do you refuse to speak to me?"

Pilate said, "Don't you realize I have power either to free you or to crucify you?" ¹¹ Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above.

Therefore the one who handed me over to you is guilty of a greater sin."



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"God governs in the affairs of men. And if a sparrow cannot fall to the ground without His notice, is it probable that an empire can rise without His aid?"



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B. REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY IS REBELLION AGAINST GOD V.2

***Romans 13:2 (NIV)* ² Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.**



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1 Peter 2:13-17 (NIV) ¹³ Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, ¹⁴ or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. ¹⁵ For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men.



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¹⁶ Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. ¹⁷ Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.



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Acts 5:29 (NIV) Peter and the other apostles replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"



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C. WITHOUT AUTHORITY THERE IS CHAOS V.3

***Romans 13:3 (NIV)* ³ For rulers hold no terror for those who do right, but for those who do wrong. Do you want to be free from fear of the one in authority? Then do what is right and he will commend you.**



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Our form of government is meant for the rule of a religious and moral people and is wholly inadequate for any other. Our form won't work for a people without principle or conscience but will degenerate to chaos.



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D. THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES TO OUR REBELLION V.4

Romans 13:4 (NIV) ⁴ For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.



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⁵ Therefore, it is necessary to submit to the authorities, not only because of possible punishment but also because of conscience.

⁶ This is also why you pay taxes, for the authorities are God's servants, who give their full time to governing. ⁷ Give everyone what you owe him: If you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honor, then honor.



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II. Respecting Others vs. 8-10

Romans 13:8-10 (NIV) ⁸ Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another, for he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. ⁹ The commandments, "Do not commit adultery," "Do not murder," "Do not steal," "Do not covet," and whatever other commandment there may be, are summed up in this one rule: "Love your neighbor as yourself." ¹⁰ Love does no harm to its neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.



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II. Respecting Others vs. 8-10

Titus 3:1-8 (NIV) ¹ Remind the people to be subject to rulers and authorities, to be obedient, to be ready to do whatever is good, ² to slander no one, to be peaceable and considerate, and to show true humility toward all men. ³ At one time we too were foolish, disobedient, deceived and enslaved by all kinds of passions and pleasures. We lived in malice and envy, being hated and hating one another. ⁴ But when the kindness and love of God our Savior appeared,



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⁵ he saved us, not because of righteous things we had done, but because of his mercy. He saved us through the washing of rebirth and renewal by the Holy Spirit, ⁶ whom he poured out on us generously through Jesus Christ our Savior, ⁷ so that, having been justified by his grace, we might become heirs having the hope of eternal life. ⁸ This is a trustworthy saying. And I want you to stress these things, so that those who have trusted in God may be careful to devote themselves to doing what is good. These things are excellent and profitable for everyone.



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III. Respecting Time vs. 11-14

A. Respecting time by waking up to what time it is. vs.11-12

Romans 13:11-12 (NIV) ¹¹ And do this, understanding the present time. The hour has come for you to wake up from your slumber, because our salvation is nearer now than when we first believed. ¹² The night is nearly over; the day is almost here. So let us put aside the deeds of darkness and put on the armor of light.



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1 Thessalonians 5:1-8 (NIV) ¹ Now, brothers, about times and dates we do not need to write to you, ² for you know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.

³ While people are saying, "Peace and safety," destruction will come on them suddenly, as labor pains on a pregnant woman, and they will not escape.



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⁴ But you, brothers, are not in darkness so that this day should surprise you like a thief. ⁵ You are all sons of the light and sons of the day. We do not belong to the night or to the darkness. ⁶ So then, let us not be like others, who are asleep, but let us be alert and self-controlled. ⁷ For those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who get drunk, get drunk at night.



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⁸ But since we belong to the day, let us be self-controlled, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.



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III. Respecting Time vs. 11-14

B. Respecting time by living as if it is our last day. vs.13-14

Romans 13:13-14 (NIV) ¹³ Let us behave decently, as in the daytime, not in orgies and drunkenness, not in sexual immorality and debauchery, not in dissension and jealousy.

¹⁴ Rather, clothe yourselves with the Lord Jesus Christ, and do not think about how to gratify the desires of the sinful nature.



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Psalms 90:12 (NIV) Teach us to number our days aright, that we may gain a heart of wisdom.



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