

**“Follow Your Leadership”** by Kirk Hunt

*Let every soul be subject unto the higher powers. For there is no power but of God: the powers that be are ordained of God.*

Romans 13:1 KJV

Paul is writing to Christians living in pagan Rome. The most likely Caesar or Emperor of the time? The notorious Nero.

Why did not Paul tell the Christians of Rome to take up arms? Because all governments are ordained by God. *Ordained* is defined as invested officially, or appointed by authority.

Does being *subject* mean following every direction a secular leader gives? Had the Roman Christians been more obedient to Nero, fewer of them would have been martyred. Still, they lived and worked in a society with radically different beliefs and morals.

Modern day Christians live and work using beliefs and morals radically different from the society-at-large. Like our ancient Roman brothers and sisters, we are called to live out our lives as light and salt. Most Western Christians do so without the threat of real or serious persecution.

What should modern-day Christians do? First, remain subjects of the King of heaven. Second, be subject to the secular government God placed ordained for you.

Will you agree with everything? I hope not. Still, you must be a good citizen of two Kingdoms. I am sure you know which has priority.

**Think:** I am called to live and work as salt and light under the current government.

**Pray:** “Lord, help me to be a good subject first of You, then of the earthy leaders you ordain.”

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