

Civic Responsibilities

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As Christians, we have a responsibility to obey the laws of the land, exercise our civic rights, and serve others, while those in authority are expected to promote righteousness and serve the people.

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:13

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Description

E.A. Adeboye emphasizes the importance of respecting and obeying the laws of the land, highlighting the role of law enforcement agents as 'Ministers of God' tasked with maintaining peace and order. Believers are urged to fulfill their civic responsibilities, such as paying taxes and obeying traffic regulations, as a demonstration of their faith. Christians are reminded of their duty to participate in politics by voting for righteous leaders and praying for those in authority, rather than speaking evil against them. Those in positions of power are encouraged to serve with righteousness and integrity, knowing that their actions have long-lasting consequences for themselves and future generations.

Transcript

MEMORISE: 'Render therefore to all their dues: tribute to whom tribute is due; custom to whom custom; fear to whom fear; honour to whom honour.' (Rom 13:7)

READ: Romans 13:1-8

Law enforcement agents play a very significant role in any country. They are saddled with the task of securing lives and property and ensuring peace and stability. In fact, the Bible calls them 'Ministers of God' sent to execute vengeance on lawbreakers. Without them a nation will face anarchy and everyone will be free to do what he or she likes. We ought to appreciate and thank God for them.

According to Scripture we are commanded to obey the laws of the land or face the consequences (1 Pet 2:13-15). For instance, God frowns when traffic regulations are broken. Similarly it is wrong to default in paying taxes to the government. As responsible citizens, believers should be faultless concerning their civic responsibilities (Matt 17:24-27)

In politics, Christians have the right to determine who governs them. If they fail to exercise that right by casting their votes for the preferred candidates, they lose their power of influence. And as a result, they should not complain when the wrong people are voted into power. Speaking evil about those in authority is

not part of your civic rights (2 Pet 2:10). God expects you to submit to the laws of the land as long as they do not violate God's superior laws (Tim 3:1-2). When things are going wrong, God expects you to intercede for those in authority (1 Tim 2:1-4). You should shine forth as a light for others to see.

For those in authority, be informed that God has allowed you to occupy that position. You are there to serve and make life better for all in the nation. God expects you to deal ruthlessly with evil and promote righteousness. But if you begin to use the power vested in you against those you were meant to serve, you are on your own. Remember, the evil seeds a man sows will be reaped not only by him, but for four generations in his lineage. Why not rather serve the people and earn a good name, which is priceless before God?

ACTION POINT

Reflect on how you can use your position, wealth and endowments to benefit mankind and glorify God.

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