



Time To Wake Up!
Romans 13:1-14
#19 in a series on Romans
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Theme: **Transformed believers are responsible members of society.**

A willing submission to our governments.

1. Governments are established by God. (1, 2; see also Daniel 2:20-21; 4:17; John 19:10-11)
2. God's purpose for governments. (3-4, 7; see also 1 Peter 2:13-14)
3. Our willing submission to our governments.
(2, 4-7; cf. Exodus 1:15-20; Daniel 3:1-30; 6:1-27; Acts 5:29; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Titus 3:1)

A full love for our neighbors.

1. Love for others is a debt which is never paid in full.
(8; see also 5:8; Matthew 22:37-40; Mark 12:29-31)
2. Love for others that covers all the bases.
(8-10; see also 1 Corinthians 13:1-7; Galatians 5:13-14)

A Powerful Motivation For This Transformed Living.

1. Christ is coming again.
(11-12; cf. John 14:1-3; Acts 1:10-11; Titus 2:11-15; 2 Peter 3:10-13; 1 John 2:28 - 3:3)
2. Christ will enable you. (13-14; see also 2 Corinthians 2:16; 3:4-6; Galatians 3:27; Ephesians 4:22-24; Philippians 4:13)

In My Life This Week

As you use this daily guide, write out your observations and responses on a separate piece of paper and save them with this sheet for reference.

Monday. Read Romans 13:1-14. These verses give us a glimpse at part of what transformed living is in relationship to our society. In light of this chapter and other truths that come to mind, how do you rate yourself as being a responsible member of society by God's standards? Are there specific changes or improvements you need to work on with God?

Tuesday. Read Romans 13:1-7. Transformed believers willingly submit to their governments. What does this submission mean, and not mean? Why should you submit to the governments? When should you not submit to them? Are there some attitudes and action you need to adjust or change?

Wednesday. Part of being transformed by God and being a responsible member of society is having a *full love* for our neighbors. Review verses 8-10. Love for others is a debt which is never paid in full. Why? In what situations or behavior of other people do you find yourself having a difficult time thinking and showing God's love? Why is truly loving people not always being, doing or giving them what they want? On Sunday we said that this love for others has a positive side for us as well as them—it "covers all the bases." What does this mean?

Thursday. If you try to live out the characteristics of transformed living we have seen so far (there are more ahead!) on your own, you will fail. This transformation is a process that God brings about within us. It is who you are and what you have in Christ—His unlimited resources—that make it possible. One practical motivation to move forward, as we read in verses 11-12, is the return of Christ. Check the other Bible references listed on the outline. Why, how is this a powerful motivation? Is it one of your motivations? If not, why not?

Friday–Saturday. Sunday is Mother's Day. We plan to look at *A Treasure for Mothers*. Read and think through 1 Samuel 25:2-42 in preparation for our time together on Sunday.