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Romans 13:1-7

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- He changes times and seasons; he deposes kings and raises up others. - Daniel 2:21

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- The decision is announced by messengers, the holy ones declare the verdict, so that the living may know that the Most High is sovereign over all kingdoms on earth and gives them to anyone he wishes... - Dan. 4:17

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- Jesus answered, "You would have no power over me if it were not given to you from above." - John 19:11

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- Rebellion against authority is rebellion against God.

Proper Function of Authority

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 - They are to establish justice, rewarding good and punishing evil.

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- Submission involves material support and proper respect.

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- What if the authority is unjust?
 - 1 Peter 2-4
- For it is better, if it is God's will, to suffer for doing good than for doing evil. For Christ also suffered once for sins... - 1 Peter 3:17-18

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 - The example of Daniel
 - The example of the apostles.
 - “We must obey God rather than human beings”
 - Acts 5:29

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- God has established order through human government.
- The proper use of civic authority should establish justice.
- Believers should operate within society with an attitude of submission.