

**TODAY'S
SCRIPTURE:**

Romans 13:1-7

SERMON TITLE:

*"CIVIL
DISOBEDIENCE
& THE BIBLE"*

**VICTIMS OF EXCESSIVE
STATE FORCE:**

1. Michael Brown [OH]
2. Eric Garner [NY]
3. Trayvon Martin [FL]
4. Sean Bell [NY]
5. Others...

3 KEY VERSES:

1. Rom. 13:1a
2. I Tim. 2:2
3. Acts 5:29

**SERMONIC
POINT #1:**

ROM. 13:1a

"Be Subject..."

"Let every soul
be subject
to the
governing
authorities."

Romans 13:1a

“For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God.”

Romans 13:1b

“Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.”

Romans 13:2

“For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil.”

Romans 13:3a

“Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same.”

Romans 13:3b

“For he is God’s minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain;”

Romans 13:4a

“for he is God’s minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. ”

Romans 13:4b

“Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience’ sake. ”

Romans 13:5

“For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God’s ministers attending continually to this very thing.”

Romans 13:6

“Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.” **Rom. 13:7**

“And HE said to them, ‘Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar’s, and to God the things that are God’s.’ ”

Matthew 22:21

SERMONIC
POINT #2:

I TIM. 2:2

“All...in Authority”

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,”

I Timothy 2:1

“ for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.”

I Timothy 2:2

“For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior...who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”

I Timothy 2:3-4

SERMONIC
POINT #3:

ACTS 5:29

"Obey GOD..."

“Did we not strictly command you not to teach in this name? And...you have filled Jerusalem with your doctrine, and intend to bring this Man’s blood on us!”

Acts 5:28

“But Peter and the *other* apostles answered and said: “We ought to obey God rather than men.”

Acts 5:29

“An *unjust law* is a code that a numerical or power majority group compels a minority group to obey but does not make binding on itself This is difference made legal. By the same token, a *just law* is a code that a majority compels a minority to follow and that is willing to follow itself. This is sameness made legal.”

-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"One may well ask: "How can you advocate breaking some laws and obeying others?"

The answer lies in the fact that there are two types of laws: just and unjust."

-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"One has not only a legal but a moral responsibility to obey just laws. Conversely, one has a moral responsibility to disobey unjust laws. I would agree with St. Augustine that "an unjust law is no law at all."

-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"Now, what is the difference between the two? How does one determine whether a law is just or unjust? A just law is a man made code that squares with the moral law or the law of God. An unjust law is a code that is out of harmony with the moral law."

-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

"To put it in the terms of St. Thomas Aquinas: An unjust law is a human law that is not rooted in eternal law and natural law. Any law that uplifts human personality is just. Any law that degrades human personality is unjust."

-The Rv.Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

SERMON POINTS:

1. "MERCY"

2. "MARVELOUS"

3. "MY"