

1. **Pray:** ask God to open your mind, soul and spirit to His teaching through His Word
2. **Think:** the questions are designed to expand your knowledge of God and His Word
3. **Begin:** using only your Bible, answer the questions without other outside sources

### Lesson Twenty Six: Romans 13:1–7

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1. a) According to verse 1, which governments of the world have been established by God?  
  
b) What does this tell you about our present world situation? Be specific.
2. a) According to this section of Scripture, when you rebel against your local authority, against whom are you really rebelling?  
  
b) How will this make you respond differently to our government's rules and laws?
3. If our government states that something must be followed and it is against God, are we responsible to obey that law? Give reasons. Look up Matthew 22:15-22 and Acts 5:27-32 and summarize what these verses teach about this issue.
4. Read Acts 4. a) How does this scene show the proper perspective a believer should take when in conflict between God and a government?  
  
b) According to Acts 4:24—30, how did Peter and John handle this conflict?
5. Can you name issues from governments today (not just USA) that might cause a believer to go against the law?
6. a) Who should have no fear of good governments and who should have fear?  
  
b) What is Paul's solution to ending fear of government?
7. What is the government's role under God according to verses 4 & 5?

8. Verses 6 & 7 give specific ways we can do right under government. Verse 7 begins with a general statement: **Give everyone what you owe him.** Name some of the *everyones* you owe in your life.

**Going deeper:**

10. a) Name five authorities in your life that are established by God.

b) By each name state ways you are giving them everything you owe and then name ways you are cheating that authority (even in little ways). This last part of this question is for you only, unless you feel drawn by God to share.

c) If you are cheating, name how you will change this, and who can you ask to hold you accountable.