

The Small Catechism's Table of Duties

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TABLE OF DUTIES (Continued)

*consisting of certain passages of Scriptures, selected
for various estates and condition of me, by
which they may be admonished to do
their respective duties.*

III. GOVERNING AUTHORITIES – Rom. 13.1-4

Romans 13:1-7 (NKJV) Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. ²Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. ³For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. ⁴For 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; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵**Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.** ⁶For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. ⁷Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.

IV. DUTIES SUBJECTS OWE TO GOVERNING AUTHORITIES – Mt. 22.21; Rom. 13.5-7; 1 Tim. 2.1-3; Titus 3.1; 1 Pet. 2.13-14

Matthew 22:21 (NKJV) And Jesus said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."

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