

October 11, 2020 - To Comply or Not Comply

Many Christians are having a real struggle with whether or not to comply with the guidance and regulations of our government.

To better prepare ourselves for what is coming, we must learn from Jesus and His apostles in how they chose to comply or not comply.

Acts 5:17-42

As born-again followers of the Lord Jesus, we should set a proper example by complying with lawful orders which do not go against the Bible or bring disgrace on our Lord.

God's faithful people humbly complied with lawful orders and dictates that were not against God's Word and which did not bring disgrace on the Lord.

We see this in the life of Jesus Himself.

- Isaiah 53:3-7
- 1 Peter 2:20b-23

In His submission to the earthly authorities, Jesus completely entrusted Himself to God the Father, and so did the apostles.

- Acts 4:19, 29; 5:29

Remember what the Scriptures teach us about such submission:

- Romans 13:1-2
- 1 Peter 2:13-14
- Titus 3:1-2

The apostles did NOT comply with those orders that were in conflict with God's Word and which would bring disgrace on the Lord. (v.42)

Their submission to the religious authorities gave them several opportunities to boldly preach Jesus to those rulers.

- Acts 4:8-12, 19-20; Acts 5:29-32

We are to completely entrust ourselves to our Father God, trusting that He's got us, that we are His, that He loves us, and that He always has our best on His heart.

- Romans 14:8
- Romans 8:28

Be humble, be appropriately submissive, but above all, be faithful to God.

- Philippians 2:5-8