

## Romans 13 • Christianity & Politics

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1. (v.1-4) The first motive for obedience to government is for **wrath's** sake, to avoid punishment that is **deserved** for earthly **disobedience**.
2. (v.5-7) The second motive for obedience to government is for **conscience** sake because a Spirit-directed **conscience** lifts us to a **higher** level.
3. (v.8-10) The third motive is for the sake of **love**.
4. (v.11-14) The fourth motive is for the **Savior's** sake by living in the **Spirit** rather than the **flesh**.

**Application:** Paul lists the motives from **lowest** to **highest**, from fear, to conscience, to love, to devotion to Christ. They all have in common being a visible testimony which contrasts a **Spirit-filled** Believer in a world controlled by its **lusts**. The world is defined by "**lawlessness**", the Spirit-filled Believer as **law abiding**.