

A Historical Anthology of Great Historical Figures

Figure #3: Lesser Lights

The Christian Citizen (Part 3)

- I. Duty #1: His Duty to Regulate Himself (2:13-15)
 - A. The Nature of His Duty: Submission (2:13a₁₋₂)
 - B. The Direction of His Duty: Human Government (2:13a₇₋₁₀) (a)
 - C. The Motivation of His Duty: God (2:13a₃₋₆)
 - D. The Direction of His Duty: Human Government (2:13b-14) (b)
 - E. The Purpose of His Duty: Testimony (2:15)

- II. Duty #2: His Duty to Represent God (2:16)
 - A. The Believer's Identity (2:16a)
 - B. The Believer's Genuineness (2:16b)
 - C. The Believer's Responsibility (2:16c)

- III. Duty #3: His Duty to Respect (2:17)
 - A. Respecting All Mankind (2:17a)
 - honor price paid, value
 - B. Loving the Church (2:17b)
 - brotherhood physical brotherhood; spiritual brotherhood
 - love an affection which values its object and expresses itself in self-sacrificial action
 - C. Reverencing God (2:17c)
 - fear to flee, intense concern over danger; reverence, awe, or respect
 - D. Respecting the Government (2:17d)

Important points of Application:

- 1) Think biblically rather than politically
- 2) Trust the gospel rather than mankind
- 3) God expects your obedience, He does not need your protection
- 4) Submitting to your government, does not mean you are to agree with your government
- 5) If you choose to protest do so biblically, rather than perversely
 - Do not violate a specific command of God
 - Obey all directives given by the government and its representatives when protesting

- Do not covenant with anti-Christian, anti-biblical groups
- Do not join in or engage with protesting that breaks the law
- Place your hope in the gospel and not activism and protesting