

# The 5th Commandment and Civil Authorities

## The Purpose of Civil Government

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Q: What is the **purpose** of civil government?

A1: The civil government is God's \_\_\_\_\_ of justice (Rom 13:1-7; 1 Peter 2:13-17)

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- Governing authorities are God's deacon (Rom 13:4, 6)
  - God is sovereign (Creator, Sustainer, Governor)
  - The first family: Adam and Eve

Q: What do governing authorities exist to do?

(1) Administer \_\_\_\_\_

(2) \_\_\_\_\_ the weak (Ps 92; Dan 4:27)

(3) \_\_\_\_\_ the criminal (1 Thess 4:1-8; Eccl. 8:10-13)

(4) \_\_\_\_\_ civic good (1 Sam 8:10-18; 12:1-5; Deut 16:18-20; Ps 26:9; 15:27; 17:23; Isa 33:15-16; Ezek 22:6-13; Amos 5:12; Hab 1:1)

(5) \_\_\_\_\_ taxes

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What are some biblical principles of justice?

Who are "the weak" in our society?

What are ways government punishes unduly?

What are ways that government is soft on criminals?

What are examples of Christians undermining God's means of administering his wrath through civil authorities?

What are examples of the "common civic good"?

What are ways government could approve the "common good"?

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