The Bible on Citizenship

- <u>Php 1:27</u> Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, <u>Php 1:28</u> and not frightened in anything by your opponents. This is a clear sign to them of their destruction, but of your salvation, and that from God.
- Php 1:29 For it has been granted to you that for the sake of Christ you should not only believe in him but also suffer for his sake,
- Php 1:30 engaged in the same conflict that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.
- <u>Rom 13:1</u> Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.
- Rom 13:2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment.
- Rom 13:3 For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval,
- Rom 13:4 for he is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God's wrath on the wrongdoer.
- Rom 13:5 Therefore one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God's wrath but also for the sake of conscience.
- Rom 13:6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing.
- Rom 13:7 Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed.
- <u>1Pe 2:13</u> Be subject for the Lord's sake to every human institution, whether it be to the emperor as supreme,
- <u>1Pe 2:14</u> or to governors as sent by him to punish those who do evil and to praise those who do good.
- <u>1Pe 2:15</u> For this is the will of God, that by doing good you should put to silence the ignorance of foolish people.
- <u>1Pe 2:16</u> Live as people who are free, not using your freedom as a cover-up for evil, but living as servants of God.
- 1Pe 2:17 Honor everyone. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the emperor.

- <u>1Pe 2:18</u> Servants, be subject to your masters with all respect, not only to the good and gentle but also to the unjust.
- <u>1Pe 2:19</u> For this is a gracious thing, when, mindful of God, one endures sorrows while suffering unjustly.
- <u>1Pe 2:20</u> For what credit is it if, when you sin and are beaten for it, you endure? But if when you do good and suffer for it you endure, this is a gracious thing in the sight of God.
- <u>1Pe 2:21</u> For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you might follow in his steps.
- 1Pe 2:22 He committed no sin, neither was deceit found in his mouth.
- <u>1Pe 2:23</u> When he was reviled, he did not revile in return; when he suffered, he did not threaten, but continued entrusting himself to him who judges justly.
- <u>1Pe 2:24</u> He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.
- <u>1Pe 2:25</u> For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.
- Mat 5:13 "You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.
- Mat 5:14 "You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.
- Mat 5:15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house.
- Mat 5:16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.