Kingdom Politics #2: Kingdom Perspective
Romans 13:1-7
1 Let everyone submit to the governing authorities, since there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are instituted by God. **2** So then, the one who resists the authority is opposing God's command, and those who oppose it will bring judgment on themselves. **3** For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad. Do you want to be unafraid of the one in authority? Do what is good, and you will have its approval. **4** For it is God's servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, because it does not carry the sword for no reason. For it is God's servant, an avenger that brings wrath on the one who does wrong. **5** Therefore, you must submit, not only because of wrath but also because of your conscience. **6** And for this reason you pay taxes, since the authorities are God's servants, continually attending to these tasks. **7** Pay your obligations to everyone: taxes to those you owe taxes, tolls to those you owe tolls, respect to those you owe respect, and honor to those you owe honor.

What is the PURPOSE of human government?

1. Restrain and punish evil
2. Support and encourage good
3. Collect taxes for common good
4. Fairly administer just laws

The Christian response to human government:

1. Submit to governing authorities
2. Do what is good and avoid what is evil
3. Pay our taxes
4. Obey just laws and work to change unjust laws

What are the LIMITATIONS of human government?
Matthew 22:15-22

1. Government is ONE sphere of human authority.
    - Individual autonomy
    - Family formation
    - Church leadership
    - Business management
    - Governing rulers
2. God has ultimate authority over *every sphere.*
3. Christians should not give to government what belongs to God.

What kind of LEADERS should Kingdom Christians support?
Exodus 18:21, Proverbs 29:2

1. Leaders with the capability to do the work.
2. Leaders of high personal character.
3. Leaders who fear God and obey His Word.

The Christian responsibility toward our governing leaders:

1. Honor
2. Prayer
3. Engagement