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1 Timothy 2:1-2
**The Government's Role
to Restrain Evil**

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Summary

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1 Tim. 2:1 "...prayers for all men..."

Vs. 2 "...to live peaceful lives

Vss.3-4 "...God wants all men saved"

Vss. 5-6 "...one Mediator..."

Vs. 7 "...for this I was appointed..."

1 Tim. 2:8 "...men are to pray"

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The Intercessory Role of the Church

1 Timothy 2:1

First of all, then, I urge that entreaties and prayers, petitions and thanksgivings, be made on behalf of all men...

Jeremiah 29:7

Seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the LORD on its behalf; for in its welfare you will have welfare.'

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The Role of Civil Authority

1 Timothy 2:2

for kings and all who are in authority, so that we may lead a tranquil and quiet life in all godliness and dignity.

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Applications

- We must understand that God has ordained human government for the restraint of evil and the church for the saving of souls.

God's Initial Role in Governance

Genesis 4:15

So the LORD said to him, "Therefore whoever kills Cain, vengeance will be taken on him sevenfold." And the LORD appointed a sign for Cain, so that no one finding him would slay him.

God Ordains Human Government

Genesis 9:5-6

Surely I will require your lifeblood; from every beast I will require it. And from every man, from every man's brother I will require the life of man. 6 "Whoever sheds man's blood, by man his blood shall be shed, for in the image of God He made man.

God Ordains Multiple Nations

Deuteronomy 32:8-9 ESV

When the Most High gave to the nations their inheritance, when he divided mankind, he fixed the borders of the peoples according to the number of the sons of God. 9 But the LORD's portion is his people, Jacob his allotted heritage.

Government's Role: Restrain Evil

Romans 13:1

Every person is to be in subjection to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those which exist are established by God.

Understanding the Two Domains

Matthew 22:21

And He said to them, "Whose likeness and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." Then He said to them, "Then render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's; and to God the things that are God's." 22 And hearing this, they were amazed, and leaving Him, they went away.

Christ Will Rule Politically

Revelation 19:15

From His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may strike down the nations, and He will rule them with a rod of iron; and He treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God, the Almighty.

Considerations

- The church's role is not to take "dominion" of the earth – yet.
- We must know that God uses even pagan rulers for restraint and His purposes.
- We must, as salt and light, stand for the restraint of evil while praying for those in authority.