Allegiance

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1. God has ordained government

*Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.* ***Romans 13:1***

1. Our response to government.

*Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right. For it is God's will that by doing good you should silence the ignorant talk of foolish men. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover-up for evil; live as servants of God. Show proper respect to everyone: Love the brotherhood of believers, fear God, honor the king.****1 Peter 2:13-17***

1. God is king over all earth.

*For God is the King of all the earth; sing to him a psalm of praise.   
God reigns over the nations; God is seated on his holy throne.   
The nobles of the nations assemble as the people of the God of Abraham, for the kings of the earth belong to God; he is greatly exalted.* ***Psalm 47:7-9***

1. Our ultimate allegiance is to Christ.

*Then Jesus said to them, "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's and to God what is God's." And they were amazed at him.* ***Mark 12:17***