

Daily Devotion For October 6, 2022

**“Let everyone be subject 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 15:1

Well, if you have been reading the daily devotional for the past couple days, you may be wondering if I am on jury duty or not. And the answer is Yes and No. Yesterday I was seated on the jury and questioned by the judge and attorneys as to whether I would be a fair and impartial juror. My response was “Yes, I would.”

When asked what my profession was I told the court that I was a pastor in Monterey. Then the judge said, “I’m not a religious person, can you share with me a little about what a pastor does?” So I explained to him a few things that I am responsible for. Then he asked, “do you have any religious convictions that might interfere with serving on jury duty. I told the judge, the attorney’s and all the prospective jurors in the courtroom, “The bible says in Romans 15, that as Christians we are to **submit ourselves to the governing authorities.** Therefore, your honor I see serving as my civic duty and I will serve to the best of my ability. On the other side your honor, I am extremely busy.”

After being questioned during the voir dire, the defense attorney said, “Your honor, I would like to thank and excuse juror number 55.”

When I got home I told Sherry that God had given me an opportunity to talk about God and the bible to the judge, attorney’s and other jurors that may not know Christ. I could tell by the response in the courtroom that some other Christians were glad that I shared my faith.

**Thought For Today:** What will you do today to talk about God and share your faith?

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Continue to pray for the many in our church family in need of God’s healing and comforting touch. Joyce Gota recovering from cataract surgery, Nancy Ichiuji, Bob McIntyre, Anne Bevier, Anne Kageyama, and God’s presence and comfort for Shirley Wong and the Yoshida family.  
Deo Volente