

Power Trip

WCF, Chapter XXII-XXIII—of Lawful Oaths and Vows, of the Civil Magistrate
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Intro: *Hosanna Tabor v. EEOC (2012)*

Of Lawful Oaths and Vows

Oaths

- definition (sec 1)

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Vows

- definition (sec 5)

- parameters (sec 6,7)

Of the Civil Magistrate

Source and Purpose (sec 1)

Legitimacy of Christian Leadership (sec. 2)

Limitation of Civil Authority (sec. 3)

Citizenry's Obligations to those in Authority (sec. 4)

No matter if a man's path to governmental office repeatedly passes through guilt (cf. Shakespeare's histories), the being of government lies beyond its earthly coming into being; for government is an institution of God, not in its coming into being but in its being.

--Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Ethics*