

The Christian and Government

The Believer's Relationship to God and Gov't

Various Scriptures

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Bottom Line:

Jesus calls Christians to change the world first through the church but also to be good citizens who promote godly values on a local and national level.

1. Recommit to _____ (honor) the laws of the land. Matthew 22:19-21; 1 Peter 2:13-17; Romans 13:1-6

This includes....paying our _____. Romans 13:7; Mark 12:14-17

EXCEPTION TO POINT 1:

When an _____ authority commands you to disobey your heavenly (higher) authority.

2. Remember to _____ for those in authority over us. 1 Timothy 2:1-4

A. Pray that our _____ would seek wisdom and direction from the Lord.

B. Pray that we may lead _____ lives in our communities (country).

C. Pray with the Lord's revealed _____ guiding your requests.

3. Resolve to _____ as a force for good in our governmental system. 1 Peter 2:13-17; Matt. 5:13-16

Why some don't get involved:

- Don't want to slip into a "_____ gospel."
- Have lost hope for America.
- Perceive politics to be a "_____ business."
- Feel intimidated by culture and "separation of church and state"

3. Remember to **INFLUENCE** those in our government to stand for godly values! Hosea 8:4

- Old Testament prophets with many kings.
- John the Baptist with King Herod (Mark 6:14).
- Paul the Apostle with kings and rulers (Acts 9:15-16).

Now What?

- Be a force for _____ in your community.
- Exercise the right that others gave their lives for...the right to _____.
- Become informed on the _____ especially those related to Biblical values and principles.