

How Should Christians Vote? God's Government Unifies!

Romans 13

- God has designed 4 different Governments
Self - Family - Church - Civil
- God sets clear line markers for maximum liberty
- Each government is built to support the others
- How freedom is maintained or forfeited

“The Most High is ruler over the realm of mankind...”

Daniel 4:17

“...it is Heaven that rules”

Daniel 4:26

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”

Romans 13:1

How Self-government is to function

The conclusion when all has been heard, is: Fear God and keep His commandments, because this applies to every person. For God will bring every act to judgment, everything which is hidden, whether it is good or evil.

Ecclesiastes 12:13, 14

How Family-government is to function

God created man in His own image, in the image of God He created him; male & female He created them. God blessed them; and God said to them, “Be fruitful & multiply, & fill the earth, and subdue it; and rule over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the sky and over every living thing that moves on the earth.

Genesis 1:27–28

For this reason a man shall leave his father and his mother, and be joined to his wife; and they shall become one flesh.

Genesis 2:24

Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. Honor your father and mother (which is the 1st commandment with a promise), so that it may be well with you, and that you may live long on the earth.

Ephesians 6: 1-2

Fathers, do not exasperate your children, so that they will not lose heart.

Colossians 3: 21

How Church Government is to function

How Civil Government is to function

Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a disgrace to any people.

Proverbs 14:34

Civil government is that system that has been set in place to create and maintain a righteous and just environment in which freedom can flourish for all.

Civil government is to support, not replace, the institutions of family & church government so that self-government, and therefore can experience maximum freedom

Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God: and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.

Romans 13:2

Civil Governments Task:

Under God, the government is to promote the conditions for the well- being of the citizenry for good, while protecting the citizenry against the proliferation of evil.

Politics purpose is fundamentally an ethical enterprise based on what is right and what is wrong... according to God by His word

Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same; for it is a minister of God to you for good. But if you do what is evil, be afraid; for it does not bear the sword for nothing; for it is a minister of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.

Romans 13:3, 4

For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat, either.

2 Thessalonians 3: 10

but if any widow has children or grandchildren, they must first learn to practice piety in regard to their own family and to make some return to their parents; for this is acceptable in the sight of God.

1 Timothy 5:4

What Freedom is

A release from illegitimate bondage in order to make the choice to exercise responsibility in actualizing and maximizing all that you were created to be.

“Again, it will be like a man going on a journey, who called his servants and entrusted his wealth to them. To one he gave five bags of gold, to another two bags, and to another one bag, each according to his ability.

Then he went on his journey. The man who had received five bags of gold went at once and put his money to work and gained five bags more. So also, the one with 2 bags of gold gained 2 more. But the man who had received one bag went off, dug a hole in the ground and hid his master’s money. “After a long time the master of those servants returned and settled accounts with them. The man who had received five bags of gold brought the other five. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with five bags of gold. See, I have gained five more.’

“His master replied, ‘Well done, good & faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’ “The man with two bags of gold also came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘you entrusted me with 2 bags of gold; see, I have gained two more.’ “His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’

“Then the man who had received 1 bag of gold came. ‘Master,’ he said, ‘I knew that you are a hard man, harvesting where you have not sown and gathering where you have not scattered seed. So I was afraid and went out and hid your gold in the ground. See, here is what belongs to you.’ “His master replied, ‘You wicked, lazy servant! So you knew that I harvest where I have not sown and gather where I have not scattered seed?

Well then, you should have put my money on deposit with the bankers, so that when I returned I would have received it back with interest. ““So take the bag of gold from him and give it to the one who has ten bags. For whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them.

And throw that worthless servant outside, into the darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’

Matthew 25: 14-29

Social Justice vs Biblical Justice

How is civil government to be called into question and appealed to when it is falling short of God's guidelines?