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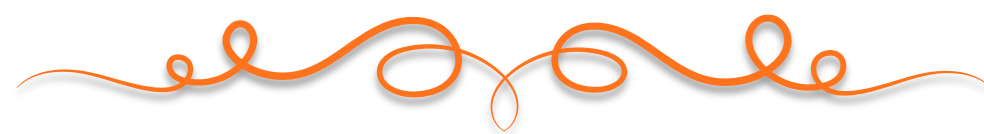
And other selected Scriptures

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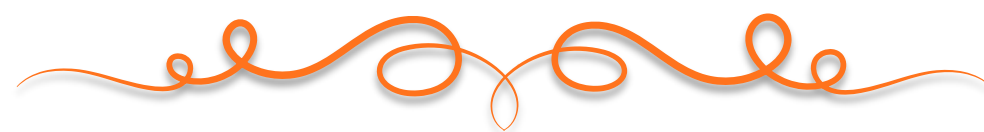
**“Know The Responsibility
of Government”**

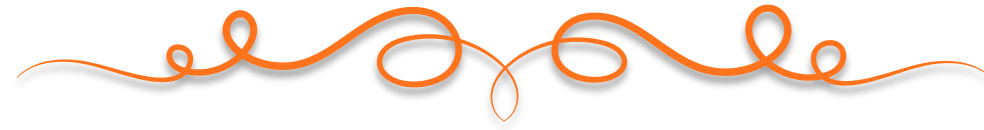
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Five Reasons Some Say to Stay Out of Government

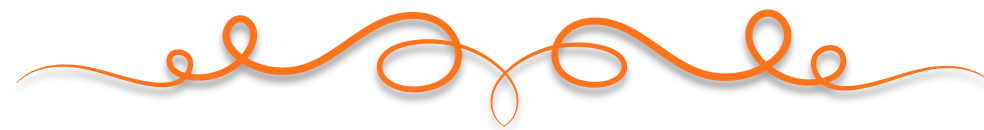
- 1. We live in 2 Kingdoms – Heaven & Earth.**
- 2. Allegiance to The World = Siding with The Enemy**
- 3. Our Primary Mission is Making Disciples.**
- 4. Temptations to Compromise Too Strong**
- 5. Jesus Promised to Build Church – Not Gov't.**





Why We Need Christians in Gov't

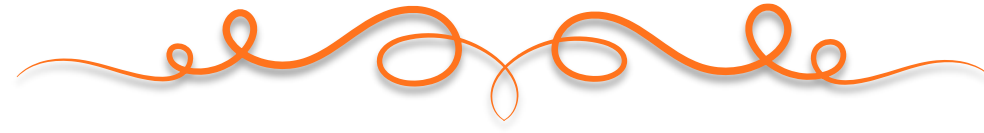
- 1. Christians Are Not Forbidden From It**
- 2. To Preach The Gospel**
- 3. We Cannot Avoid It.**





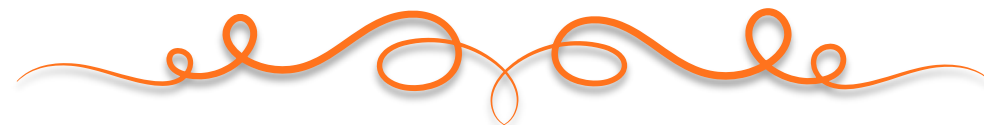
³ Put not your trust in princes,
in a son of man,
in whom there is no salvation.
⁴ When his breath departs,
he returns to the earth;
on that very day his plans perish.

Psalm 146:3-4



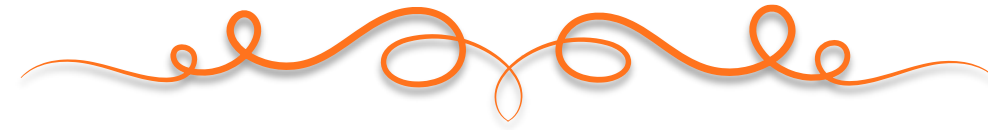
What We Should Know

- 1. The Kinds of Government God Appoints**
- 2. Responsibilities We Have to Gov't (Rom 13: 1, 6–7)**
 - a. Submit**
 - b. Pay Taxes**
 - c. Honor**
 - d. Respect**
- 3. Know The Authority of the Gov't (Rom 13: 2)**

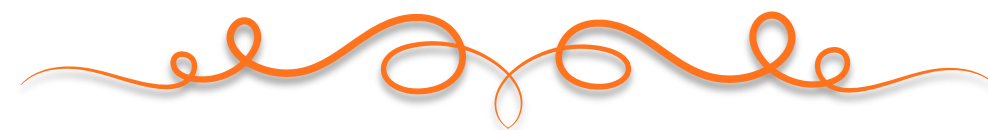


KEY POINT:

Basic Morality is The
Primary Aim of a
Good Government.



I. Government's Responsibility to Us





28 And God blessed them.

And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

Genesis 1:28-30



²⁹ And God said,
“Behold, I have given you
every plant yielding seed
that is on the face of all the earth,
and every tree with seed in its fruit.
You shall have them for food.

Genesis 1:28-30

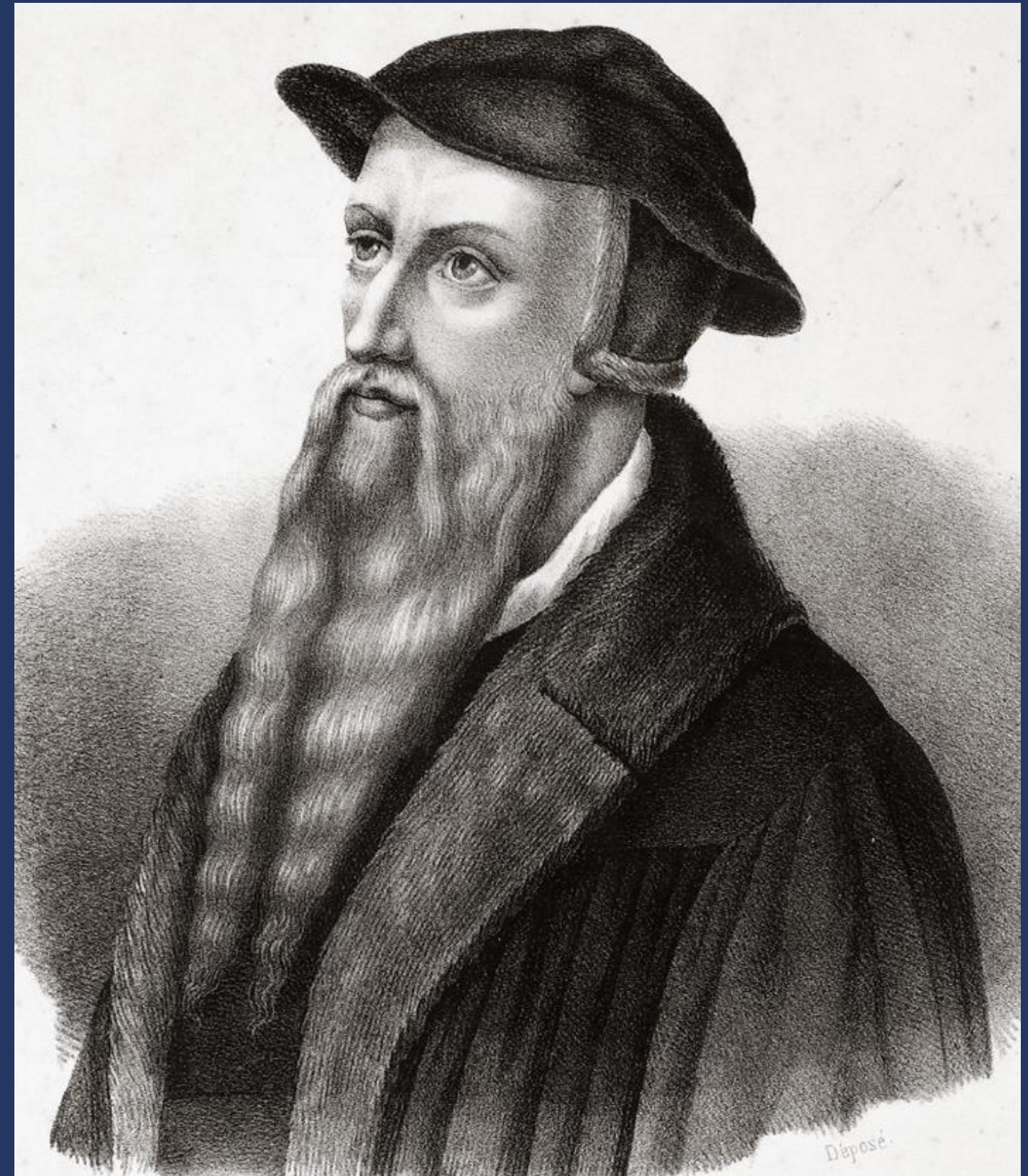


³⁰ And to every beast of the earth and to every bird of the heavens and to everything that creeps on the earth, everything that has the breath of life, I have given every green plant for food.”

And it was so.

Genesis 1:28-30

“Magistrates may learn from this the nature of their calling. They are not to rule on their own account, but for the public good. Nor do they have unbridled power, but power that is restricted to the welfare of their subjects.”



John Calvin
10 July 1509 – 27 May 1564



**11 Because the sentence
against an evil deed
is not executed speedily,
the heart of the children of man
is fully set to do evil.**

Ecclesiastes 8:11



**¹⁵ Do you think you are a king
because you compete in cedar?
Did not your father eat and drink
and do justice and righteousness?
Then it was well with him.**

Jeremiah 22:15-17



¹⁶ He judged the cause of
the poor and needy;
then it was well.
Is not this to know me?
declares the Lord.

Jeremiah 22:15-17



**17 But you have eyes and heart
only for your dishonest gain,
for shedding innocent blood,
and for practicing
oppression and violence.”**

Jeremiah 22:15-17



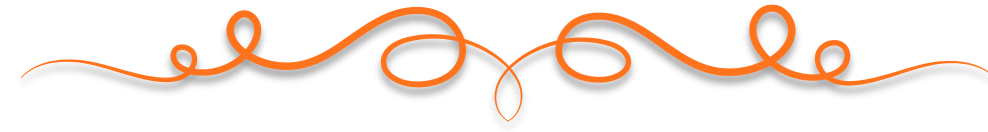
- ⁵ There is an evil that I have seen under the sun, as it were an error proceeding from the ruler:
- ⁶ folly is set in many high places, and the rich sit in a low place.

Ecclesiastes 10:5-6



**2 The terror of a king is like
the growling of a lion;
whoever provokes him to
anger forfeits his life.**

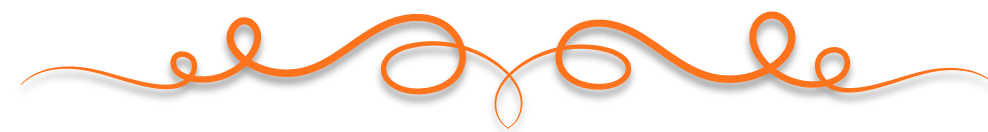
Proverbs 20:2



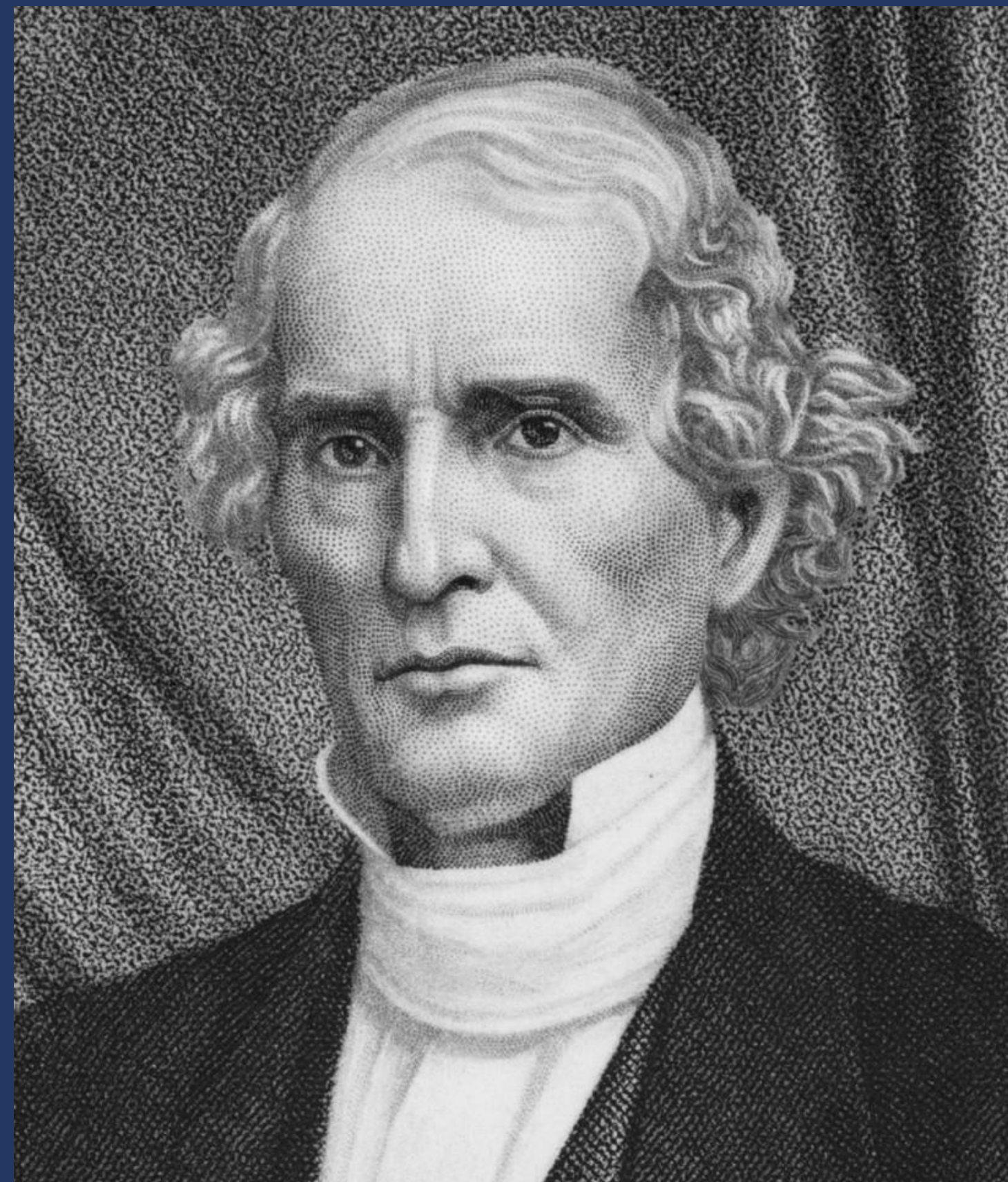
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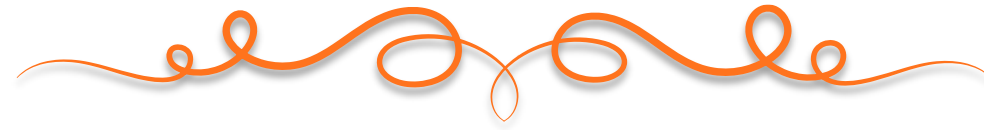


“It is appointed to protect the good against the evil, to restrain oppression, injustice, and fraud; to bring offenders to justice, and thus promote the peace and harmony of the community.”



Albert Barnes

1 Dec 1798 – 24 Dec 1870

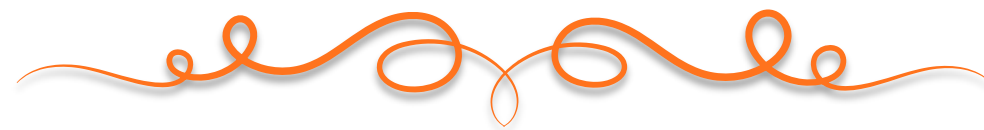


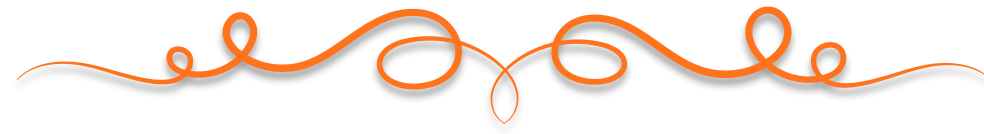
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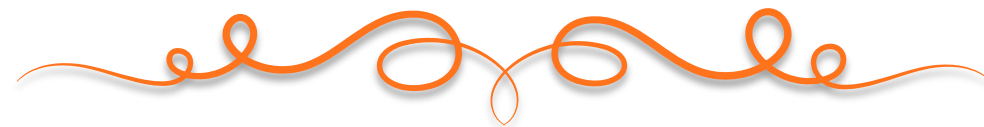
B. Do Good

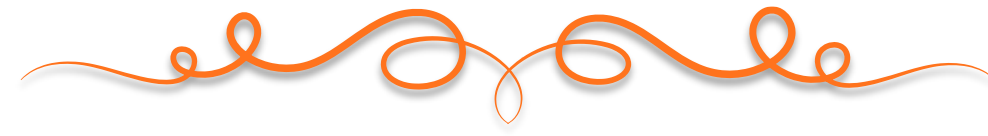




The Origin of Politics

- A. From the Greek Word "Polis" meaning "City"
(it's affairs)
- B. Originally About News and Announcements
- C. Example - "Gospel" has Political Connotations

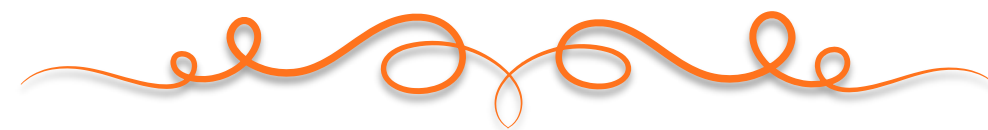




The Christian

And

Politics





⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to destroy strongholds.

⁵ We destroy arguments and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

II Corinthians 10:4-5



¹ If then you
have been raised with Christ,
seek the things that are above,
where Christ is,
seated at the right hand of God.

Colossians 3:1-4



² Set your minds
on things that are above,
not on things
that are on earth.

Colossians 3:1-4



³ For you have died,
and your life is hidden
with Christ in God.

Colossians 3:1-4



⁴ When Christ
who is your life appears, then
you also will appear with Him
in glory.

Colossians 3:1-4



⁴ No soldier gets entangled
in civilian pursuits,
since his aim is to please
the one who enlisted him.

II Timothy 2:4



³¹ and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it.

For the present form of this world is passing away.

1 Corinthians 7:31

“People are prone to viewing government as those in the Ancient Near East viewed their municipal deity: if we sacrifice in the right way, and worship with sufficient passion, our god will hear us and cause prosperity.



Jesse Johnson
Current

In today's world, when something bad happens, people appeal to government for mercy, and promise to do better next time. So much of modern politics can only be explained as religious activity, as people think that unless an election goes this way or that way, then their nation is doomed.



Jesse Johnson
Current

Or, conversely,
if there is any hope
for a future
generation, it is found
in a certain political
outcome.
That, simply put,
is idolatry.”



Jesse Johnson
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¹⁴ They have healed the wound
of my people lightly,
saying, 'Peace, peace,'
when there is no peace.

Jeremiah 6:14



²⁰ but lay up for yourselves
treasures in heaven,
where neither moth nor rust destroys
and where thieves
do not break in and steal.
²¹ For where your treasure is,
there your heart will be also.

Matthew 6:20-21