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LAW: Part B : The Love – Law Connection



Law and government was part of God’s plan from the very creation of the world. It’s core purpose is to encourage order, security and peace in our society.

Right relationships is the goal of Law...with God, with ourselves, with one another, and with the created world around us.

1 Corinthians 14:33... For God is not the author of disorder and confusion, but of peace

Key Principle: God is the Creator and Supreme Authority. He set up the concept of governing laws from the beginning and then delegated that governing/law giving responsibility to man.

Key Principle: God Has Authority to Give Commands/Laws and to Establish Penalties

Key Principle: We Have a Duty to Obey and Keep All of God’s Commands, and We Will Receive God’s Blessing as a Result.

Key Principle: The Lord is the True Judge and Authoritative Lawgiver.

Using a modified pattern we have been using for several weeks, here is the final model for using the Bible as a foundation and guide for law:

A Question/Issue is Raised or Decision is Needed to Be Made	
<u>PRECEPT</u> <i>(Look for Biblical Passages on the Subject)</i>	
<u>PRINCIPLE</u> <i>(Determine the general principle of the Precept)</i>	
<u>PERMISSION</u> <i>If it is clear that it is permitted then go to next stage)</i>	<u>PROHIBITION</u> <i>(If it is clear that it is prohibited, then stop and change course)</i>
<u>PRACTICE</u> <i>Using a wise balance of freedom, wisdom and witness</i>	<u>PURSUE</u> <i>(Seek additional scripture teaching for right path to take)</i>

We must continually fight the temptation to seek practice our ‘Freedom’ at the expense of God’s glory, Christ’s mission, our witness, and respecting others.

The Key Foundation for a Right Understanding of Law is LOVE! When you think of Law, you should think of Love
Love for God, Love for One Another

If we truly love God, then we will obey His laws and commands. We must adjust our attitude toward laws and governing principles to see that they are a direct reflection of our love, faithfulness and commitment to God.

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Romans 13:1-10... ¹ *Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God.* ² *Therefore whoever resists authority has opposed the ordinance of God; and they who have opposed will receive condemnation upon themselves.* ³ *For rulers are not a cause of fear for good behavior, but for evil. Do you want to have no fear of authority? Do what is good and you will have praise from the same;* ⁴ *for it is a servant 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 servant of God, an avenger who brings wrath on the one who practices evil.* ⁵ *Therefore it is necessary to be in subjection, not only because of wrath, but also for the sake of conscience.* ⁶ *For because of this you also pay taxes, for rulers are servants of God, devoting themselves to this very thing.* ⁷ *Pay to all what is due them: tax to whom tax is due; custom to whom custom; respect to whom respect; honor to whom honor.* ⁸ *Owe nothing to anyone except to love one another; for the one who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the Law.* ⁹ *For this, “YOU SHALL NOT COMMIT ADULTERY, YOU SHALL NOT MURDER, YOU SHALL NOT STEAL, YOU SHALL NOT COVET,” and if there is any other commandment, it is summed up in this saying, “YOU SHALL LOVE YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF.”* ¹⁰ *Love does no wrong to a neighbor; therefore love is the fulfillment of the Law*

Titus 3:1,2... ¹ *Remind the people to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,* ² *to slander no one, not to be contentious, to be gentle, showing respectful humble consideration (courtesy) for all people.*

1. We Must Be Submissive in Our Attitude
2. We Must Be Obedient in Our Actions
3. We Must Be Intentional in Our Availability
4. We Must Be Cautious in Our Verbal Attacks
5. We Must Be Careful in Our Antagonism
6. We Must Be Consistent in Our Agreeableness
7. We Must Be Civilized in Our Amicableness

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ὑποτάσσω hupotasso SUBJECT

Meaning: ¹ to arrange under, to subordinate ² to subject, put in subjection ³ to subject one's self, obey ⁴ to submit to one's control ⁵ to yield to one's admonition or advice ⁶ to obey, be subject

πειθαρχέω peitharcheo OBEDIENT

Meaning: to obey authority, followed...advice, obey.

ἄμαχος amachos CONTENTIOUS

Meaning: not to be withstood, not contentious, abstaining from fighting, not a brawler

ἐπιεικής epieikes GENTLE

Meaning: suitable, equitable, fair, mild, patient, moderation

πραΰτης prautes CONSIDERATION

Meaning: gentleness, gentleness, humility, meekness
Same word for Fruit of the Spirit ‘gentleness’