



# God and Government

## Lesson 2: Do We Really Need Government?

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### LESSON 1 REVIEW

1. Evaluate: "The phrase 'In God We Trust' on our money proves that America is a Christian nation."
2. Review the Ten Commandments. Why might we hesitate to insist that the Ten Commandments be placed in front of every courthouse in America?
3. Why is it okay that our country doesn't have a Christian government?

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Lesson 1: Is America a Christian Nation?

**Lesson 2: Do We Really Need Government?**

Lesson 3: Does God Really Say the Government Can Do *That*?

Lesson 4: What Does It Mean to Be a Christian American?

Lesson 5: One Hot-Button Issue: What about Immigration?

Lesson 6: How Do I Decide Whom to Vote For?

### INTRODUCTION: Are they really necessary?

4. In polls of American voters, Congress' approval rating is around \_\_\_\_\_ %.  
\_\_\_\_\_ % of American voters *disapprove* of the job Congress is doing.
5. Why are people—regardless of which party they support—frustrated with our government?



## **DO WE REALLY NEED GOVERNMENT?: Where did it start?**

**Read Matthew 28:18 and 2 Chronicles 20:6.**

6. Who's in control of the world? How has he decided to go about ruling the world?

**Read Genesis 6:11-13 and Genesis 9:6.**

7. What problems result from a complete lack of government?
8. What new command did God give after the flood? Why?

**Read 1 Peter 2:13-17.**

9. What's the goal of government, and how is it a blessing for God's Church?

## **DO WE REALLY NEED GOVERNMENT?: What type of government is best?**

**Read**

10. What specific commands does God give about which type of government we should have?
11. Describe the types of government the Israelites had in the Old Testament.
12. How does sin keep each of these types of government from working perfectly:
  - i. Democracy
  - ii. Communism
  - iii. Monarchy



## **DO WE REALLY NEED GOVERNMENT?: Do I really need to obey?**

### **Read Romans 13:1-7.**

13. List at least four reasons why Christians will obey their government:

- i.
- ii.
- iii.
- iv.

14. How many exceptions does Paul list? \_\_\_\_\_

### **Read Acts 5:27-29.**

15. What is the *only* exception to God's command to obey our government?

16. Evaluate each reason for disobeying the government:

- i. The government's laws are unjust.
- ii. The leaders of the government are corrupt, evil, and selfish.
- iii. The government allows—and even supports—sinful actions.

### **Read 1 Peter 2:18-25**

17. What is startling—even shocking—about how Jesus submitted to government?

18. How should I react if it seems like my government is against Christianity?



**WE REALLY NEED GOVERNMENT BECAUSE...**

