



# God and Government

## Lesson 6: How Do I Decide?

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### REVIEW OF EVERYTHING: IT'S OUR LAST CLASS!

#### **What's the purpose of government?**

*1 Peter 2:13-14 – <sup>13</sup> Submit yourselves for the Lord's sake to every authority instituted among men: whether to the king, as the supreme authority, <sup>14</sup> or to governors, who are sent by him to punish those who do wrong and to commend those who do right.*

#### **What's the purpose of God's church?**

*Matthew 28:18-20 – Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, <sup>20</sup> and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.*

#### **What is a Christian's attitude toward government?**

*Romans 13:1 – Everyone must submit himself to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.*

#### **Are there any exceptions?**

*Acts 5:29 – Peter ... replied: "We must obey God rather than men!"*

#### **What's the best type of government?**

#### **What about taxes?**

*Matthew 22:21 – "Give to Caesar what is Caesar's, and to God what is God's."*

#### **What about the death penalty?**

*Romans 13:4 – For he is God's servant to do you good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword for nothing. He is God's servant, an agent of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.*



### **Can I rebel?**

*Romans 13:2 – Consequently, he who rebels against the authority is rebelling against what God has instituted, and those who do so will bring judgment on themselves.*

### **What about helping the poor?**

*James 1:27 – Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

### **How should we treat immigrants?**

*Leviticus 19:33-33 – "When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. <sup>34</sup> The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the LORD your God."*

## **QUESTIONS???**

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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?

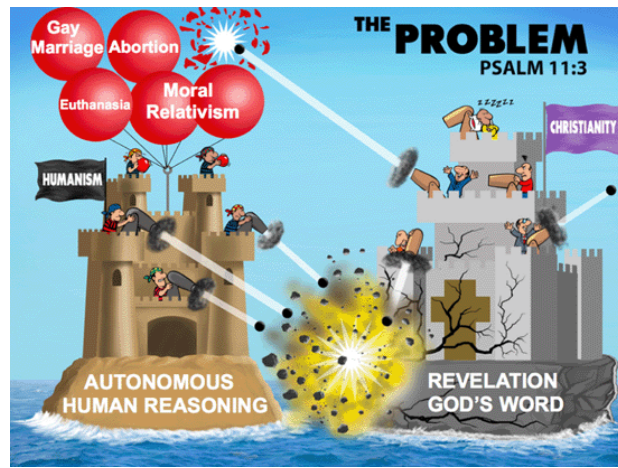
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## **CONCLUSION: HOW DO I DECIDE WHOM TO VOTE FOR?**

### **The Biggest Problem Facing America**

1. What is the biggest problem facing the United States?





**Psalm 11:3** –  
 “When the foundations are being destroyed, what can the righteous do?”

2. Evaluate: Making our laws more Christian will make our country more Christian.

3. What does it mean to “legislate morality,” and why isn’t it as good as it might sound?

**The Christian Political Party**

4. What agenda would a truly Christian political party have?

Which party has that agenda?

5. Agree/Disagree: A Christian will vote for the most Christian candidate.

6. Why might two faithful Christians vote for completely different candidates with completely different political agendas?

### What I should remember...

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#### **1 Timothy 2:1-4**

"I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone— <sup>2</sup>for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. <sup>3</sup>This is good, and pleases God our Savior, <sup>4</sup>who wants all men to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth."

