

Study Questions Session 2

Biblical Principles of Civil Government

- 1) _____ liberty and _____ liberty are permanently fixed together. If you lose one, then the other will also be lost.
- 2) In order to control a person's actions, you must first gain control of the mind. That is why totalitarian governments nationalize _____. The Bible commands parents to train up their children to revere and trust in God. When the government assumes control of education, children are taught to revere and trust their governments. The second step is to control the _____. People can't possibly be firsthand witnesses of everything that happens around the world. The media controls how people react emotionally, and their opinions based upon what news is presented, how it is presented and what information is emphasized or withheld. The final thing a tyrannical government must control is _____. The government must be the absolute highest authority. A citizen cannot possess the freedom of conscience to say that the government's actions are morally wrong.
- 3) What three institutions did God establish on earth?
- 4) The technical definition of "politics" is the "art or science of _____.
- 5) The form of government we have in America is a constitutional republic. The idea of having a written document (constitution) that defines and limits the power of the civil government is found in _____ and design of a republic is found in _____.
- 6) The purpose of civil government is for the _____ of the people. Romans 13:1-5 and 1 Peter 2:13-14 say that the government is supposed to punish the _____ and protect the _____.
- 7) The family was God's idea and design, but not all families function as God intended. Likewise, _____ was God's idea, but unfortunately not all civil governments function as God intended.
- 8) Our Founding Fathers believed resistance to tyranny was obedience to _____. List three examples from the Bible where believers willfully disobeyed a tyrannical civil government.

- 9) The foundational truth upon which America is built is _____.
- 10) According to our Founding Fathers, _____ are not valid if they contradict _____.
- 11) No one has a right to do _____.
- 12) All men are created equal and no one has a right to rule over his fellow man. Therefore, choosing to live together in a civil society, equals must choose to create or _____ a civil government in which they _____ few and defined powers to that civil authority. Hence that document is called a constitution.
- 13) The Torah was the constitution of Israel. God wrote it and the Children of Israel agreed to live by it. The government of Israel was not free to do whatever it wanted. According to Deuteronomy 17:20 and Joshua 1:7, even the _____ could not deviate from the law by turning to his right hand or left.
- 14) In 1787, thirteen sovereign states/nations, in order to further their general well being and organize their common defense, designed a limited general/central government and delegated _____ and _____ powers to it.
- 15) According to Federalist Paper #45, and the Ninth and Tenth Amendments of the Bill of Rights, any power not specifically _____ to the general government (otherwise known as the Federal Government), was retained by the states.

Answers

- 1) Civil, religious
- 2) Education, media, religion
- 3) Home, church, civil government
- 4) Governing/government
- 5) Deuteronomy 17:18-20, Exodus 18:21
- 6) Good, evil/evildoers, good/well-doers
- 7) Civil government
- 8) God. 1) The Hebrew midwives disobeyed Pharaoh's command to kill Hebrew babies.
2) Shadrach, Meshach and Abednego refused to bow down to the golden image of Nebuchadnezzar. 3) Daniel prayed to God willfully violating the law and wound up being thrown into the lion's den. 4) Peter refused to obey the Sanhedrin's command to cease preaching in the name of Jesus.
- 9) Natural Law
- 10) Human laws, God's Law
- 11) Wrong
- 12) Constitute, delegate
- 13) King
- 14) Few, defined
- 15) Delegated