
What Does God Think of the Issues? (Part 2)

1. Regarding Abortion

- a. God has pronounced children as a blessing (Gen 1:28; Ps 127:3; 128:3-4)
- b. God has designed a purpose of marriage to bear children (Gen 1:28)
- c. God is the Giver of life (Gen 2:7; Deut 30:20; Eccl 5:18)
- d. God has condemned the killing of innocent human life (Ex 20:13; 23:7; Prov 6:16-19; Jer 22:3)
- e. God has indicated that life begins at conception (Ps 139:13-16; Lu 1:30-32)

2. Regarding Same-Sex Marriage / Homosexuality / Perversion

- a. God is the Creator and Definer of marriage (Gen 1:27-28)
 - primary purpose of gender = procreation (bearing/raising kids)
 - reproduction is central to marriage, so gender is essential to it
 - 2 people only: 1 male and 1 female are required in marriage
- b. God condemns homosexuality (Lev 18:22; 20:13; Rom 1:27)
- c. God has judged and will judge homosexuality (1 Cor 6:9-10; 1 Tim 1:8-10)

3. Regarding the Government's Function

To Prevent / Punish Evil, to Protect From Evil, & to Praise Good

Gen 9:5-6 "Surely for your lifeblood I will demand a reckoning; from the hand of every beast I will require it, and from the hand of man. From the hand of every man's brother I will require the life of man. "Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed; For in the image of God He made man.

Rom 13:1-5 Let every soul be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and the authorities that exist are appointed by God. Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves. For rulers are not a terror to good works, but to evil. Do you want to be unafraid of the authority? Do what is good, and you will have praise from the same. For he is God's minister to you for good. But if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. Therefore you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.

1 Pet 2:14 or to governors as sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and the praise of those who do right.

4. Regarding the Obtaining and Protecting of Wealth & Profit

Stealing (in Any Form) Is Sin

- Ex 20:15 You shall not steal.
- Rom 13:9 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."
- 1 Pet 4:15 By no means let any of you suffer as a murderer, or thief, or evildoer, or a troublesome meddler;

We Are to Work for What We Eat

- Eph 4:28 Let him who steals steal no longer; but rather let him labor, performing with his own hands what is good, in order that he may have something to share with him who has need.
- 2 Thes 3:7-12 For you yourselves know how you ought to follow us, for we were not disorderly among you; nor did we eat anyone's bread free of charge, but worked with labor and toil night and day, that we might not be a burden to any of you, not because we do not have authority, but to make ourselves an example of how you should follow us. For even when we were with you, we commanded you this: If anyone will not work, neither shall he eat. For we hear that there are some who walk among you in a disorderly manner, not working at all, but are busybodies. Now those who are such we command and exhort through our Lord Jesus Christ that they work in quietness and eat their own bread.

We Are to Provide for Our Own Families (and Extended Families)

- 2 Cor 12:14 Here for this third time I am ready to come to you, and I will not be a burden to you; for I do not seek what is yours, but you; for children are not responsible to save up for their parents, but parents for their children.
- 1 Tim 5:8 But if anyone does not provide for his own, and especially for those of his household, he has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever.

(Share with Others, Care for Others, Support Teachers & Evangelizers)

5. Regarding Taxes, Submission, & Honor

- Matt 22:17-21 "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites?" "Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's."
- Rom 13:6-7 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing. Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes are due, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.
- Tit 3:1 Remind them to be subject to rulers, to authorities, to be obedient, to be ready for every good deed,
- 1 Pet 2:13-16 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme, or to governors, as to those who are sent by him for the punishment of evildoers and for the praise of those who do good. For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men – as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.