

Who Governs you?

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Text

[Phi 2:1-13 KJV] 1 If [there be] therefore any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any bowels and mercies, 2 Fulfil ye my joy, that ye be likeminded, having the same love, [being] of one accord, of one mind. 3 [Let] nothing [be done] through strife or vainglory; but in lowliness of mind let each esteem other better than themselves. 4 Look not every man on his own things, but every man also on the things of others. 5 Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: 6 Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: 7 But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: 8 And being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. 9 Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: 10 That at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of [things] in heaven, and [things] in earth, and [things] under the earth; 11 And [that] every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ [is] Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed, not as in my presence only, but now much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling. 13 For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of [his] good pleasure.

[Phi 2:1-13 NLT] 1 Is there any encouragement from belonging to Christ? Any comfort from his love? Any fellowship together in the Spirit? Are your hearts tender and compassionate? 2 Then make me truly happy by agreeing wholeheartedly with each other, loving one another, and working together with one mind and purpose. 3 Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. 4 Don't look out only for your own interests, but take an interest in others, too. 5 You must have the same attitude that Christ Jesus had. 6 Though he was God, he did not think of equality with God as something to cling to. 7 Instead, he gave up his divine privileges; he took the humble position of a slave and was born as a human being. When he appeared in human form, 8 he humbled himself in obedience to God and died a criminal's death on a cross. 9 Therefore, God elevated him to the place of

highest honor and gave him the name above all other names, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Dear friends, you always followed my instructions when I was with you. And now that I am away, it is even more important. Work hard to show the results of your salvation, obeying God with deep reverence and fear. 13 For God is working in you, giving you the desire and the power to do what pleases him.

Definition of Govern

Govern - to control, direct, or strongly influence the actions and conduct of. b. : to exert a determining or guiding influence in or over

We are directly responsible for properly governing our family and ourselves. (training)

We have responsibilities in governing our country. (Educate and vote.)

[Psa 11:3 NLT] 3 The foundations of law and order have collapsed. What can the righteous do?"

How do we choose to fulfill these responsibilities?

How well Do You Govern Yourself?

We need to believe the unbelievable can come from God.

[Mat 9:23-25 NLT] 23 When Jesus arrived at the official's home, he saw the noisy crowd and heard the funeral music. 24 "Get out!" he told them. "The girl isn't dead; she's only asleep." But the crowd laughed at him. 25 After the crowd was put outside, however, Jesus went in and took the girl by the hand, and she stood up!

Leading your family

God can save your children and equip them to serve him.

Participating in your community

God can change the attitudes and behavior of a nation.

Carrying out your responsibilities in your church

Believe in the purpose God has for you in serving him.

In your personal life

God still works miracles. Live and act like you believe the truth. **Don't fake it.**

Three areas of leadership: politics, religion, Jesus.

Government and Politics: seeks to govern people through human efforts.

Politicians make promises, Dictators eliminate resistance. No humanly designed government is perfect. America's Democratic Republic works best if all the people participate and have a high level of morality.

Israel Chose a king over the King

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Judaism and Christianity: Walking in the flesh rather than the Spirit

Judaism strives follow the letter of the Law, but humans can't follow our Holy God's laws when they walk in the flesh.

[2Pe 2:10 KJV] 10 But chiefly them that walk after the flesh in the lust of uncleanness, and despise government. Presumptuous [are they], selfwilled, they are not afraid to speak evil of dignities.

Christianity seeks mercy and grace but the religious side has human guidelines.

[Gal 5:16, 25 KJV] 16 [This] I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. ... 25 If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.

Jesus is King: Jesus is the Lord God of Heaven's Armies.

He is king over the Kingdom of God. He rules his kingdom here on earth and will one day rule his kingdom from Jerusalem for a thousand years before wiping out all sin and wickedness.

[Isa 9:6-7 KJV] 6 For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of [his] government and peace [there shall be] no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. The zeal of the LORD of hosts will perform this.

Limitations of Human Governing.

Government and Kings/Presidents

1. Government cannot be everywhere at once so maintaining complete harmony cannot be done no matter the structure.
2. Legal action meant to cause deterrence of bad behavior doesn't always work. (Inconsistency, Bad Judgment)

Politicians claim they can handle or fix major issues but often miss the mark because they do not have the power to do what is necessary or things don't turn out the way they planned because of other factors.

Humans sometimes bow to Pressure:

Saul caved to the people.

[1Sa 15:24 NLT] 24 Then Saul admitted to Samuel, "Yes, I have sinned. I have disobeyed your instructions and the LORD's command, for I was afraid of the people and did what they demanded.

Rehoboam took his friends advice instead of seasoned counselors' advice.

[1Ki 12:12-14 KJV] 12 So Jeroboam and all the people came to Rehoboam the third day, as the king had appointed, saying, Come to me again the third day. 13 And the king answered the people roughly, and forsook the old men's counsel that they gave him; 14 And spake to them after the counsel of the young men, saying, My father made your yoke heavy, and I will add to your yoke: my father [also] chastised you with whips, but I will chastise you with scorpions.

Who Governed Jesus? Being Governed by God Works

[Jhn 6:38 KJV] 38 For I came down from heaven, not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me.

[Jhn 12:47 KJV] 47 And if any man hear my words, and believe not, I judge him not: for I came not to judge the world, but to save the world.

[Jhn 15:1 KJV] 1 I am the true vine, and my Father is the husbandman.

Jesus has Absolute Power

[Mat 28:18 KJV] 18 And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.

Jesus has no limitations.

[Col 1:13-17 KJV] 13 Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated [us] into the kingdom of his dear Son: 14 In whom we have redemption through his blood, [even] the forgiveness of sins: 15 Who is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of every creature: 16 For by him were all things created, that are in heaven, and that are in earth, visible and invisible, whether [they be] thrones, or dominions, or principalities, or powers: all things were created by him, and for him: 17 And he is before all things, and by him all things consist.

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Who Governs the Church?

Jesus is the head of the church.

[Eph 5:23 KJV] 23 For the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church: and he is the saviour of the body.

[Col 1:18 KJV] 18 And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all [things] he might have the preeminence.

[Act 16:6 KJV] 6 Now when they had gone throughout Phrygia and the region of Galatia, and were forbidden of the Holy Ghost to preach the word in Asia,

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[Psa 4:4 KJV] 4 Stand in awe, and sin not: commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still. Selah.

[Psa 4:4 NLT] 4 Don't sin by letting anger control you. Think about it overnight and remain silent. Interlude

[Psa 141:3 NKJV] 3 Set a guard, O LORD, over my mouth; Keep watch over the door of my lips.

[Pro 14:29 KJV] 29 [He that is] slow to wrath [is] of great understanding: but [he that is] hasty of spirit exalteth folly.

[Pro 14:29 NLT] 29 People with understanding control their anger; a hot temper shows great foolishness.

[Psa 19:13 KJV] 13 Keep back thy servant also from presumptuous [sins]; let them not have dominion over me: then shall I be upright, and I shall be innocent from the great transgression.

[Psa 19:13 NLT] 13 Keep your servant from deliberate sins! Don't let them control me. Then I will be free of guilt and innocent of great sin.

[Rom 8:6 KJV] 6 For to be carnally minded [is] death; but to be spiritually minded [is] life and peace.

[Rom 8:6 NLT] 6 So letting your sinful nature control your mind leads to death. But letting the Spirit control your mind leads to life and peace.