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DO WHAT?, on: 2007/11/24 16:52

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Re: DO WHAT?, on: 2007/11/24 20:45

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Re: - posted by BVO (), on: 2007/11/25 6:11

Most people I meet fell that it is our responsibility to be active politically. I don't know if it is possible for a christian to be a politician and remain clean, but it would be like a rich man entering into the Kingom of Heaven- Hard. His (Jesus') kin gdom is not of this world or He would have stood up for His rights, had His servants fight, call an army (of angels) and m opped up. Thankfully our battle is not against flesh and blood, but against principalities and powers. And there ARE ple nty of those in politics. Thanks and Lord bless!

Barry

Re:, on: 2007/11/25 12:38

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Prov 29:2

2 When the righteous thrive, the people rejoice;
when the wicked rule, the people groan.
(from New International Version)

Heb 5:14

14 But solid food is for the mature, who by constant use have trained themselves to distinguish good from evil.
(from New International Version)

Rom 1:28-32

29 They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife , deceit and malice. They are gossips, 30 slanderers, God-haters, insolent, arrogant and boastful; they invent ways of do ing evil; they disobey their parents; 31 they are senseless, faithless, heartless, ruthless. 32 Although they know God's rig hteous decree that those who do such things deserve death, they not only continue to do these very things but also **appr ove of those who practice them.**

Christians and Politics - posted by IRONMAN (), on: 2007/11/25 13:46

Greetings in Jesus' Name by Whose Blood we are Saved.AMEN.

dear saints i believe that as Christians if we live our lives as we ought, it can't help but affect everything around us, people, places, things, institutions etc. if one is called to do whatever, he ought to work as unto the Lord. if one is a politician and works unto the Lord things will change...he may end up out of that job for being a stick in the mud however!

i believe we ought to seek God on such things as how to vote or get involved in our communities in various ways. really every aspect of our lives ought to be directed by God...even our politics!

Grace and Peace are ours in Jesus.AMEN.

Re:, on: 2007/12/1 19:39

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The rest of Dorcas's comments added on edit:

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Last response:A relationship with the Lord will be reflected in the lives of HIS people, in all things, especially outside the church house walls, whatever the topic might be, with no exclusions.

A new creation and being subject to HIS supremacy in everything. A lost person might get greatly confused, if they were observing a Christian's life and walk and observed the Christian had a deep desire for Godly leaders in the church and in their homes, but the lost person could not see

in the Christian the the same desire for Godly government leaders to lead their nation, state, county, or city.

Re: DO WHAT?, on: 2007/12/1 21:15

moe_mac said

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Re:, on: 2007/12/1 23:27

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moe wrote explaining: If you will read closely, I did not say all would be Godly leaders, but that a lost person would be greatly confused by the lack of desire in a Christian life in their effort and desire to have Godly leaders. World History and Biblical History reveals we have had many ungodly leaders but what does the Bible say about which we are to seek and support?

Re:, on: 2007/12/2 15:42

Hi moe_mac,

Quote:

-----what does the Bible say about which we are to seek and support?

As far as I know, we are to pray for them all, regardless of their style or personal beliefs.

These exhortations come to mind.

Romans 13

- 1 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.
- 2 Therefore whoever resists the authority resists the ordinance of God, and those who resist will bring judgment on themselves.
- 3 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.
- 4 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.
- 5 Therefore *you* must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.
- 6 For because of this you also pay taxes, for they are God's ministers attending continually to this very thing.
- 7 Render therefore to all their due: taxes to whom taxes *are due*, customs to whom customs, fear to whom fear, honor to whom honor.
- 8 Owe no one anything except to love one another, for he who loves another has fulfilled the law.

1 Peter 2

- 13 Therefore submit yourselves to every ordinance of man for the Lord's sake, whether to the king as supreme,
- 14 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.
- 15 For this is the will of God, that by doing good you may put to silence the ignorance of foolish men --
- 16 as free, yet not using liberty as a cloak for vice, but as bondservants of God.
- 17 Honor all *people*. Love the brotherhood. Fear God. Honor the king.
- 18 Servants, *be* submissive to *your* masters with all fear, not only to the good and gentle, but also to the harsh.
- 19 For this *is* commendable, if because of conscience toward God one endures grief, suffering wrongfully.
- 20 For what credit *is it* if, when you are beaten for your faults, you take it patiently? But when you do good and suffer, if you take it patiently, this *is* commendable before God.
- 21 For to this you were called, because Christ also suffered for us, leaving us an example, that you should follow His steps:
- 22 "Who committed no sin, Nor was deceit found in His mouth";
- 23 who, when He was reviled, did not revile in return; when He suffered, He did not threaten, but committed *Himself* to Him who judges righteously;
- 24 who Himself bore our sins in His own body on the tree, that we, having died to sins, might live for righteousness -- by whose stripes you were healed.

1 Timothy 2

- 1 Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, *and* giving of thanks be made for all men,
- 2 for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence.
- 3 For this *is* good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,

4 who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Re:, on: 2007/12/2 18:19

Dorcas wrote: s far as I know, we are to pray for them all, regardless of their style or personal beliefs.

moe_mac wrote: Amen on praying God will open their eyes where they can see and pray HE will use me in speaking to them.

What these two passages say, if people line up with God, he wants me to line up with them, if they oppose God and HIS WORD, he wants me to oppose their message and if you oppose their message they take it you are opposing them and in a sense I guess you are.

I am not suppose to oppose the governor for punishing evil doers whether it be me or my family that are guilty of evil or crime. Paul said we also pay taxes just as the Word says.

I feel right in the center of God's will, opposing leaders who oppose God's Word whether they be in authority or not, but opposing them only in a sense of giving them the truth about who is the supreme authority and am well aware that we will catch it from the world when we do give the truth.

In referring to 1 Tim 2:1 and 1 Peter 2:13 passages and the subject at hand, one can't fully understand or get the full context of the passages unless you look back at what both Paul and Peter said prior to the word "therefore" and that's why they said therefore. Since I said this, therefore.

For example Paul in 2 Tim 2:1 was saying prior to that I was the chiefest of sinners and was opposing the things of God. I was trying my best to go against the things of God and God's people until I met Jesus so " THEREFORE" since he you have been given so much grace and mercy, do this therefore.

All through the New Testament when I see the WORD "therefore" we understand Paul is instructing us of what he had just written

under the direction of the Holy Spirit. So in the verses prior to the therefore he was telling why he said things.

Another example on the great commission using the word "therefore"

Matt 28:18-20

18 Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 **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, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.** And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

If I start out with a passage that begins with therefore I have just got in on the tail end of the message.

That's about all I can say on the subject and I feel it's enough.

moe_mac

Re: DO WHAT?, on: 2007/12/2 19:01

moe_mac said

Quote:

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I take your point about the 'therefore's in scripture. Also, that it is ok to oppose those who oppose the Word.

The thought that strikes me additionally is, as long as you are praying for them, and being an exmple of godliness in you r resistance, and you know the unction of God on this activity, then may His Name be glorified by it.

May you enjoy safety and peace as you go, and ease of communication of truth.

Re:, on: 2007/12/13 10:50

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moe_mac wrote:

If we miss this we have missed it all. Thanks