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Responsibility of Government

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# Challenge

Challenges that he has himself is: where does christianity end and the kingdom start? A lot of believers: around 500 believers working in the government in various effectiveness. You are christianising this, you should try to Kingdomize it. It is a tough thing.

Christianising the Church. One of the things we didn't talk a lot about yesterday is the church’s responsibility to the world. Saving the world is the Church’s responsibility, not the Governors job. Also, a saint, need to save as the church and also kingdoms the world.

# 3 responsibilities

Civil = Peace. No crime, fully actualized purpose. A state fully actualized in the Kingdom. No crime, divorce, sickness. That is euphoria, probably not going to happen until heaven. Purpose is growing toward heaven.

He has to be careful that his church life, not his relationship with Jesus. But he can’t bring his church responsibility into his civil life: I am getting my city saved. That is not his civil responsibility. John has different dimensions to him, but civil responsibility is not saving the world.

Church = all believers. Responsibility to save the world. John is in the church, so from the standpoint of John being fully actualized as him he needs to save the world. As a mayor, he would love to see them all get saved. As a civil leader, he is free to just be mayor. Elect John to save Redding, his civil role is bringing peace: fire, protection everything. If he is a civil leader it might hinder in some ways. Those things overlap, he can bring the Kingdom there, Jesus there, but not the church’s responsibility and call it his duty. If he is an elder in the church and a governor. As an elder he should care about sin in the church. If I am the mayor, please don’t vote for me so I make everybody a Christian.

# Who should be in office?

Think about who you should put in office. I want the kingdoms of this world to become the Kingdom of our God. The church has responsibility, I should care about how people see women. My job to be light. Revelation: this is the way God thinks about that. The mayor doesn't teach people that, the church does! North & South; slaves. South was very religious about Timothy and thought they should have slaves. God was speaking into culture, not dictating culture. The church taught the world the wrong thing! We dictated the mindset.

Dr Martin Luther King, a believer also helped lead us out. The Church had a responsibility to teach the world that God doesn't view one above the other ethnically. We have a big role in teaching the world how God thinks. The kingdoms of this world, needs to become like God.

# 10 things he noted out of Romans 10:

1. Everyone in subjection to governmental authority
2. All authority is from God, established by Him. (Paul wrote that with Nero. Fear authority, but he didn't get blessed from the same government. Thinkers think. Hitler, we could have another one. Believers read that kind of thing into their government and we have another challenge. This is true, until it isn’t. Acts; you can’t preach, should we obey man rather than God? I have to obey you, until you're different than heaven. Civil disobedience is right; if you teach it out of the Biblical context.)
3. If you resist authority, you resist God. (Process of the Kingdom: work hard you should benefit from it)
4. Rulers are cause of fear if you do something wrong
5. God says don’t fear man, until you do evil, then fear them.
6. God commissions authority to have a sword
7. Government is authorized to bring wrath of God

# See your good works

See your good works, I like that. Don’t agree with their stuff, but with Christians around you have friendly, loyal, happy people around you. I am bringing the Kingdom through actions, over here I talk about it. This is how we learn how to be friendly, however: my job is just to be happy. How come you're so happy John? I get off of work at 5 we can talk about that. I am not paid to talk about Jesus as a civil leader.

# Conviction and sin

You’re not going to teach people they're not convicted off. Don’t know if it is the wisest to teach people about sin, when they're not convinced of a Savior. Hard to convince people of a Savior. Convicted of sin before he had a Savior, you don’t have a solution, but the solution is the Savior of sin. When they’re convicted they have an answer. Living with your girlfriend: you're sinning. Maybe I should wait until it is not fun, but when sin has conviction.

# Corrupt government

What happens if government is corrupt? Government is full of people. People aren’t perfect. Won’t name countries. But there is a difference between a corrupt person and a corrupt government. Somebody once said: I put a lock on my door to discourage people that maybe want to break in, but if I am a thief that is no problem. If I pay a police officer 1/3 of a living: you need to make money somewhere else. You pull me over: I give you my license and $20. People do this in 3 countries, want to punish corruption, but haven’t changed the ecosystem to give people enough to make a living of being a police officer.

Differences between living from stances and circumstances. Noble people make decisions upon character instead of circumstances. It is really hard to read people from another country and they were non-believers. One of the wealthy 3 took him back to his hotel, he spoke English. I loved your teaching, did you notice how quiet it was in the room? What you were teaching won’t work in our country. I build roads: when I put a bid in I have to give a bribe of 10%, 5% to transportation overseer, 5% to the police so I don’t get arrested. 1100 employees, if I don’t give the bribe they won’t accept this. The whole system is corrupt, if you want to be a business man in our country you need to bribe.

He had an experience himself, stealing from somebody to have you as a customer. Never saw that man again, lost the entire account: 60 trucks. But he came back to him. Some of the governments we work in, the system is corrupt, this was a person. When the system is corrupt, the system makes people corrupt. They penalize people, but some of them are very good people. He sat with a governor who passed an anti-corruption law. Then he said: how about you give amnesty to everyone: completely forgiven, after 6 months you put anti-corruption laws in, people who are corrupt will get off, people who are corrupt will get corrupt again, but people innocently will get forgiven and not do it again.

They talked about amnesty first, IRS every so often: 5 years ago, about taxes for 10 years if you come now your tax returns we will not penalize you for 1 year. Rather have people that pay taxes, a lot of people don’t want a file and owe a million dollars. If we don’t get them back, but if they do it again we will penalize them more. Have ways to get out of corruption. Not Christianizing them, but Kingdomizing them. Honesty is good.

# Separation of church and state

Absolutely do. They wanted to separate the church and state, not state and church. Not the spiritual people leading the church, but the government. We should separate them. If you look at our documents every documents had something to do with God. Not God out of the government, but the government out of the church. All schools were Christian in here, you could have a public school and teach Christian stuff in it. But as time evolved and we opened up our borders and they brought their religion with them, now it is not your religion, but religion.

America has gotten crazy about it, can’t pray in school. Think that is kind of crazy. We have to redefine what we call religion. Religion is a belief system based on faith, so is homosexuality, not on facts, but feelings. Can’t prove it biologically, genetically, physiology. Like faith, bottom fact is: not following Jesus by fact, but by faith. Religion to define what it is: a belief by faith.

We can’t teach our religion, but some can redefine the term of their religion and call it sexuality: I believe I am. Prove it, can’t do a blood test. Body parts don’t agree with my feelings, exterior changed. Chromosome still have a sex. All based on feelings, why teach your faith but I can’t teach mine. You shouldn’t be able to teach yours, and I shouldn't be able to teach mine. Honor faiths, so we honor you're homosexual, but you can’t teach it. It is not a fact, it is a faith. Governments responsibility.

# What other Kingdom values cross over well?

Proverbs: written by a King, speaking as a king and picking up from over the world. David taught Solomon proverbs, if I am in government and writing about the welfare of a city I am writing about how civil authority should work. Thinking about people who don’t work. If you give him too much welfare it makes them lazy. Lead civilly. How do we practice civil authority? Look at Solomon, one thing you need to remember is Israel is different than America, it was established as a one religion nation. Different than Israel today. All kinds of people.

# Okay to take up arms against a corrupt government?

If north Korea wanted to attack America for some purpose, most people wouldn't go turn the other cheek love your neighbor, most men would protect people and take up arms. If I felt there was a reason then I would do it. Born to protect people.